



Newsletter  
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## The Waiting Game

# 2250 Objections!

At the time of writing the final objections are still being uploaded onto the Planning Portal and many of these are a backlog of comments from over 2 weeks ago.

**NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THIS APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

### What's Next?

Since our last newsletter we have identified many excellent and well informed objections which we hope will add depth to our opposition. These are too many to list.

We have also received copies of some crucial key reports prepared by qualified practitioners and specialists that add weight to our opposition. A couple of these are listed below.

**[Click here to read - Professor David K Smythe. Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, University of Glasgow](#)**

who has prepared for us a full Geology/Hydrogeology statement highlighting inconsistencies and errors in UKOG's submission.

**[Click here to read - Dr Tim Thornton. MD](#)**

who has prepared a detailed comment on the impacts of surface drilling for oil and gas on the health of local adults, children and pregnant mothers within 1500metres of drillsites.

### Analysing The Comments.

Since the planning officers have strict guidelines for selecting appropriate public comments for consideration, we are now reading and analysing **all objections** in order to identify those which may be discounted either due to relevance, duplication or lack of weight.

We will then be able to quantify key areas of concern to oppose the application. We will report to you on this, once concluded, and use them to prepare our public opposition statements for the planning committee meeting.

## UKOG Responses to Some Consultee Comments

Additional UKOG response documents have appeared now on the document list on the portal.

**Response to Biosphere Status** (Claiming No Impact)

**Response to AONB and Environment Agency** (In agreement with their statements)

**However ...**

The former Biosphere response has been reported in the

[County Press Here](#) and [On The Wight Here](#)

and it may be of interest to read the articles and subsequent comments

### Planning Committee - Updates

We still have not been told when the committee will meet to decide the application.

This should appear on the council website under the Planning Committee Meetings Schedule.

August's virtual Meeting was cancelled. We do not know why. The current listed dates are

22/09/2020 - 16:00 - Virtual

03/11/2020 - 16:00 - Virtual

15/12/2020 - 16:00 - Virtual

26/01/2021 - 16:00 - Council Chamber

16/03/2021 - 16:00 - Council Chamber

Information on the website indicates that the final decision should be made by October. At the time of writing we are waiting for the planning officers to respond to our email regarding timings and dates of future meetings and for clarification of what needs to happen next.

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### Other UKOG News relative to IOW application



**[The UKOG Dunsfold Planning Decision is being challenged by UKOG due to virtual meeting difficulties when the decision was rejected READ HERE.](#)**

Because this decision was ruled as invalid this it is going to be rescheduled for decision in September.

**This outlines the importance of having our planning application decided by a full planning council meeting in the chamber rather than virtually.**

**Please - WRITE TO YOUR WARD COUNCILLOR TO INSIST THAT THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT A FULL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING IN COUNTY HALL - NOT VIRTUALLY**

### UKOG is on The Move

It appears UKOG are now turning to Turkey to revitalise and pump the company's assets.

<https://drillordrop.com/2020/07/23/ukog-buys-into-irresistible-turkish-licence/>

They will need to create yet another share placing to raise the funds to do this.

**This tends to disprove their claims of their company focus being UK energy security.**

### And Finally - Falling Demand For Oil

The Company Perenco, at the famous Wytch Farm site in Poole Harbour have recently revealed large losses and falls in oil sales. Whilst there has been another large discovery in the North Sea. The wells have been plugged whilst they are being evaluated for economic viability.

**This further confirms the oil already available more than satisfies world needs.**

**It is only greed that inspires UKOG to drill new wells on the island .**