

Dear Sirs,

I object to the above Planning Application for the following reasons:

In his presentation of 20/1/15 to your Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee, your Strategic Development Services Manager, Andy Wainright, referred to the report published in the journal Nature by scientists from University College which states that further exploitation of fossil fuels would not be consistent with our Government's commitment to stay within the agreed 2 degrees Celsius temperature limit. He also referred to the wide range of renewable energy options now open. At the same meeting, your Sub-Committee acknowledged the positive contribution that renewable energy is providing to meet the UK's energy requirements and stated that it supports further development of the renewable energy sector in East Riding.

I applaud this stand by the Sub-Committee and recommend that the Council Planning Committee takes note and acts in accord with these principles. This is an ideal moment and opportunity for the Planning Committee to show its commitment to renewable energy in East Riding, leaving behind the outdated, polluting and patently unsafe exploitation of oil and gas (as demonstrated by Rathlin Energy's problems at West Newton A) by refusing the application for further drilling. This decision would demonstrate the Council's leadership and vision, and is likely to be admired and applauded by a large section of the UK's population. The increased recognition of East Riding as a prime renewable energy centre could well lead to even greater investment and tourism interest.

Thank you for your attention,