

I object due to the impact this exploration will have on the neighbourhood. Disturbance from smells is highly likely. Evidence of this comes from the 19 reports to the Environment Agency (EA) between 9th September and 24th October 2014 of obnoxious smells. The EA recorded this as a breach of permit conditions on September 10th, a category 3 offence, where there is a potential to cause harm. A deadline to address this issue by 19th September was not met and the final submission of October 17th was still inadequate. The smell was due to the cold venting of gases which was not permitted. This company cannot therefore guarantee to implement its Environmental Management System (EMS) in a manner that prevents offensive odours or control the dispersion of offensive odours beyond the boundary of the well site. It released gases of unknown composition into the atmosphere. 3 breaches of conditions were recorded by the EA - July 3rd, August 28th and September 24th.

Reference

<http://drillordrop.com/2015/02/05/investigation-what-went-wrong-at-west-newton/>

Secondly, I object on the grounds of the high volume of traffic that will be generated. This will disturb many people along its route on the country lanes. Approximately 70 vehicles will arrive on the site initially. Many of these will be heavy enough to cause damage to the minor roads as has occurred on the approaches at West Newton A. I appreciate that a new road will be constructed in this case, but this gives rise to a further objection which is loss of visual amenity. The East Riding boasts a wonderful arable landscape on which our tourism depends. Loss of visual amenity will affect tourism and the lives of East Riding residents. The priority should be food security for the future, not building roads on agricultural land, our rural economy depends on this.

Finally, I believe that ERYC should ensure the safety of its residents. The risk assessment produced for Rathlin Energy acknowledges the possibility of drilling fluids and cement entering the aquifer. Well failure is a risk that the industry acknowledges. It cannot be eliminated. The industry will only talk about minimising and mitigating risks. I don't believe any risk to water supplies is acceptable. Please don't play Russian Roulette with our water supplies.