West Newton Wellsite

What are they doing?
Following the drilling of a well in 2014 Rathlin Energy have returned to drill a second well at West Newton, down to 2,000 metres to explore for oil and gas in a limestone strata.

Why should I care?

Mid Holderness would become an industrialised oil/gas-field.
If they find oil and/or gas at West Newton commercial production would require many more wells to be drilled. Well sites are likely to be less than 1 mile apart.
Gas-fields require new roads, pipelines, compressor stations, storage units and gas processing plants, along with the associated pollution. Holderness would be changed forever.

Health Impacts
Pollution from the drilling and exploration of wells, the increase in traffic, and industrial installations linked to the oil & gas fields, would affect everyone in Holderness.

Houses and Property
Based on experience since 2013-4, property prices have been significantly affected. Properties on traffic routes to well sites will fall in value, and people may find their homes difficult to sell.

Remember 2014?
West Newton A oil & gas wellsite is now active again.
Long convoys bringing in rigs and equipment are expected.
Are there any more reasons to be concerned?

Use of Hydrochloric Acid
Rathlin Energy are planning to use hydrochloric acid with other chemicals to open fissures in the limestone to release oil and/or gas at both exploration and production stages. This will involve the movement of large quantities of chemicals to the well site on public roads.

Noise and light pollution.
Noise and light pollution is inevitable, as we experienced in 2014.

Climate Breakdown
Warnings from scientists about climate change are becoming increasingly urgent and we are told that fossil fuels must be left in the ground if climate catastrophe is to be avoided. Companies such as Rathlin Energy are acting against the future of our children and grandchildren by ignoring the facts and continuing to drill for fossil fuels, hoping for short-term financial gain for a few, whilst the rest of us pay the cost.

Gas Field Development
Virtually the whole of our region has been licensed for oil & gas development, and Rathlin Energy hope West Newton (indicated) will be the first of a great many wellsites in a new Holderness gas field.

The site is currently being monitored 24/7 by concerned citizens, and you are welcome to visit.

http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=519268&Y=439131&A=Y&Z=120

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