

# Keeping you informed

West Newton A well site

November 2021

## Public consultation

**The Environment Agency is the environmental regulator for onshore oil and gas operations in England. We ensure that oil and gas operations are carried out in a way that protects people and the environment.**



We have received an application from Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited to vary the environmental permit for West Newton A well site (WNA). The purpose of the application is to request permission to undertake new activities involving the production of oil and/or gas. During the development, it is planned that an increased number of wells will be drilled and eventually brought online into production.

## Have your say

We would like to hear your comments about this permit variation and understand your concerns. You can do this on our web page:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/hu11-5da-rathlin-energy-uk-ltd-epr-bb3001ft-v005>

When reaching our decision we are unable to consider some aspects that are dealt with by the planning system, for example the impact of traffic movements, visual intrusion or landscape character.

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We will only issue a permit variation if we believe that harm to the environment, people and wildlife will be minimised and that the operator has the ability to meet the conditions of the permit. Providing a business can show that the proposed activities meet all the legal requirements, then we are legally obliged to issue a permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision.

## Virtual engagement event

We are running a virtual engagement event during the consultation period to answer your questions. You will be able to submit your questions about our role in determining the permit variation in advance of the event.

You can submit questions via [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) - the link and passcode are below. You can also use your mobile phone to scan the QR code to go direct to slido.



You will also be able to submit questions to our team during the event, via the live chat function on Zoom. Any questions that we don't have time to answer will be covered after the event and published on our web page.

## When?

16th December 2021 at 6pm.

## How can I access the event?

The event will be held virtually on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 942 7932 0442

Passcode: WNA21