

## Briefing 2: Arreton Well Site, A3056, Arreton

Permit number: **EPR/AP3804LV/A001**

**10 July 2021**

### Consultation Closed

UK Oil and Gas PLC have applied to us for an environmental permit to operate a proposed new well site to explore and appraise hydrocarbon minerals at Arreton on the Isle of Wight. We held a consultation to seek your views, which opened on 11 June 2021. This consultation has now closed.

We have received a number of responses to this consultation. We will now begin to assess the permit application which will include consideration of all relevant comments received. This work will need to be scheduled alongside the other permit applications we are assessing across England. You may not hear from us for a while, while we carry out this work, but we will let you know as soon as we have any more information to share.

### How do we assess a permit application?

When we assess a permit application we check that the operator will use all the appropriate preventative measures, and Best Available Techniques, so that no significant pollution is caused. We review the design of the proposed facility, how it will be operated, the emissions it will generate (to air, water and land) and whether it will have any significant impacts on people living nearby and natural habitats.

We will also consider all the relevant information and comments you have sent to us during the consultation, to ensure we consider all the issues raised. We may need to request further information from UK Oil and Gas PLC.

### What happens when we make a decision?

If we decide that the application has provided sufficient information for us to determine that the facility will not cause harm to the environment or people's health, we will produce a draft decision document and draft permit. The decision document will explain how we have reached our decision and how we have used the relevant information and comments you have given us. It will also show how we have used any additional information provided by UK Oil and Gas PLC that we have requested during the determination, if there was any.

If we think we may ('minded to') issue the permit, we would hold a second consultation. This will give you the opportunity to examine and make comments on our draft decision document and on the conditions we are 'minded to' include in the draft permit. We will consider relevant comments before making our final decision.

If we decide to refuse the permit, we would not hold another consultation. UK Oil and Gas PLC would have the right to appeal this decision.

### How can I get further information?

Keep an eye on our local social media channel <https://twitter.com/EnvAgencySE>

For general information about our permitting process please see our Citizen Space page

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/po30-3bt-u-k-oil-gas-plc/>

or

[www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits](http://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits)

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