



Newsletter

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Not One Well

Behind The Scenes - UKOG visits to the Island

As you may know members of UK Oil and Gas PLC visited the island in February to meet with a landowner and , members of the cabinet including the ward councillor for Arreton and Newchurch. We can now reveal that in April they also visited Arreton to meet with members of the Parish Council. On 20th April Martin Kimber confirmed the meeting stating,

"UKOG did come and give an hour long briefing to the Parish Council last Wednesday. Notes on what was said will be on the PC website once we finalise them at our next meeting on 13 May. We were told that the drilling site had not been finalised but that they hope to submit a planning application by July. Prior to that they said they will hold a public meeting."

It seems that finally the exploratory drilling of two sites in Arreton is becoming a reality. This is from their end of year company statement:

- "Late spring 2019:
Apply for planning permission **to drill and test exploration well**, to be called **Arreton-3**
- Early 2020:
Drill and test Arreton-3 in Portland and Kimmeridge
- Date not given: If Arreton-3 is successful, **drill and carry out long-term test of horizontal sidetrack, Arreton-3z**
- Date not given: If Arreton-3 is encouraging, **drill, core, test vertical pilot well in Arreton South prospect**
- Date not given: If Arreton South pilot well is encouraging, **drill and test horizontal sidetrack**

So we are developing our action plan in preparation for the possible submission of planning permission by UKOG in July.

At the time of writing we still have no firm idea of the actual location of these wells . This will only be revealed once the plan has been submitted for initial review to the local planning committee. However we are preparing as much as possible in anticipation of the submission.

We have created an Instagram page [Instagram@frackfreeiow](https://www.instagram.com/frackfreeiow) which we hope will help us to make contact with more possible subscribers and as a means to cascade information faster and to a greater audience.

We will be researching and collecting examples of planning from other sites across the UK in a bid to understand what the planning applications will look like and the amount of documentation that we will need to process and review.

We have prepared a letter for all landowners in the area outlining the implications of leasing land for oil well sites and will publish this online and hopefully as a letter to the County Press.

Fundraising - We Need Funds

We need to raise funds initially in order to pay for expenses such as advertising, banners, posters and flyers and possible payments for copies of information including geological analysis, well site location ecology and water and air quality baseline assessments.

Later on during the planning application and consultation period we must plan to pay for venues to hold public meetings and practical workshops to inform residents of actions they can take to send their concerns or useful factual information to appropriate officials and how to respond effectively to the public consultation once it is published.

In the event of planning permission being granted by either the MPA or the Oil and Gas Authority we will plan to hold training sessions for our team and those members of the public who wish to take peaceful action for effective opposition, including the services of NETPOL to ensure everyone is aware of their rights under the law.

Our first fundraiser in on Saturday 25th May. Please spread the word and encourage friends and family to attend. **COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US AND ENJOY THE MUSIC**

The poster is at this link to add into your email or to share on facebook.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/5b2419_d7f71ccf44f44332a333f986e1a1d1de.pdf

There will be a raffle. If you can donate something for the raffle please contact us through the website contact message board.

We hope to hold a second larger event in Arreton in September with an auction and more live music.

What Else Can I Do?

- Continue to **keep yourself informed** of developments by visiting our website and facebook page on a regular basis.
- **Ask questions** of your local council representative about what is happening.
- **Host a meeting** for friends in your area.
- **Spread the word** that it seems like UKOG are planning to extract oil from the Island. Find out what your local residents and landowners think about this.

Let us know **by email** and encourage them to subscribe to our website

- Watch out for and contact us if you see seismic testing activity in your area . **Information at this link**
- **Sign and share this petition** if you have not done so already
- Become a member and get actively involved
- **Spread the word some more**
- **Donate to our campaign fund from the website at this link**
<https://www.frackfreeisleofwight.org/subscribe-donate>

Thank you for reading and for your continuing support

