

**HARLEQUIN 3 WELL SITE, RADCLIFFE ON TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**Response of the Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council to the Environment Agency Consultation**

References EPR/CB3300KR/A001 & EPR/RB3895DK/A001.

Since the start of the Environment Agency's consultation on the application for permits for the management of mining waste at the Harlequin 3 well site, the Parish Council has received a lot of concern and opposition to the development from residents; and especially from those who live in Upper Saxondale, the Harlequin and Hudson Way/Dowson Close which are nearest to the site.

The Parish Council arranged a public meeting to discuss the proposed oil and gas exploration, which was attended by around 200 people, the majority of whom were opposed to the proposed works. This strength of feeling was also apparent at a Planning & Environment Committee meeting, when the Parish Council's response to the consultation was discussed.

The residents in the vicinity of the well site have a number of significant concerns, but in particular they are complaining that they have only recently heard about the proposed works, and that they should have received individual letters about the project.

Whilst they are aware that the exploratory stage is only for a few weeks, they nevertheless have many concerns about the proposed works; in particular noise, lighting, traffic congestion on the A52, containment of water on the site, removal of naturally occurring radioactive waste, wildlife, air pollution, health and safety, and some issues that were not answered to their satisfaction at the public meeting. They are also very concerned about these issues should the well site be found to be commercially viable and brought into production.

The Parish Council represents the Radcliffe community, and in response to their concerns, and in particular to those residents of Upper Saxondale, the Harlequin and Hudson Way/Dowson Close; it requires that Hutton Energy UK Ltd can prove to the complete satisfaction of the Environment Agency, that their proposed exploration activities meet all the legal requirements; including environmental, technical and health and safety; and it also requires that the site is effectively monitored by the Environment Agency.

Parish Clerk.  
Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.  
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