

## Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – August 2018

This is a summary overview of developments in the conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas, it includes planning, operations and business activities as well as objections and protests.

This review is based on a variety of sources and no guarantee can be given as to the accuracy of this information, links to references and further information are included.

### East Midlands

North Lincolnshire council reject Egdon Resources application for a 12-month extension to the restoration deadline, while their third planning application for oil production is being considered by the council. Details of the hearing are available [here](#). Egdon are to [appeal](#).

Union Jack Oil [announce](#) that Biscathorpe 2 well should be drilled in October or November and that site construction should be completed in September.

### South East

Europa Oil and Gas submits three new [planning applications](#) for the Holmwood site at Leith Hill, Surrey. They wish to have a further three years to drill the well after the original permission ran out. They also wish to drop an obligation to have a holding area for lorries away from the site and to extend the period of permission for security fencing and facilities. Surrey County Council have said the applications will be decided by the planning and regulatory committee after a 30-day public consultation.

UKOG announces [results](#) from their Portland tests at Horse Hill in Surrey, the results imply maximum rates of 441-470 bopd. UKOG also [announced](#) that they have acquired the 7% shareholding of Gynsynd and Primorus in Horse Hill Developments Ltd and a further 15% shareholding in HHDL from [Solo Oil](#).

Ten [arrests](#) were made when protestors objecting to oil exploration in southern England blocked the entrance to the Horse Hill well site in Surrey.

Following the series of minor shallow earthquakes in Surrey a group of geologists write to the [Times](#), (behind paywall) calling for an immediate moratorium on oil and gas exploration in the area. See [Daily Telegraph](#) for article on letter.

Surrey County Council give retrospective [approval](#) to the unauthorised well at Brockham.

The Environmental Agency [announced](#) that they had granted Angus Energy a new permit for well testing at Balcombe in Sussex, subject to conditions.

### Other news

A [position paper](#) by Professor Michael Bradshaw of Warwick Business School reviews gas security in the UK.

Rebecca Long Bailey, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced that a Labour government would [ban fracking](#).