

Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – October 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

No developments this month for conventional onshore oil and gas in the East Midlands region.

South East

UKOG release [details](#) of their current extended well test. The tests suggest that the reservoir contains 7 – 11 million barrels of oil in place. A further [update](#) from UKOG on the extended well tests, states that higher flow rates were achieved than seen two years ago.

Angus Energy announce the [results](#) of their well tests at Balcombe, the well flowed at 853 and 1587 bopd. They also commented that they had encountered unexpected water and only performed two tests due to equipment failures. No CO₂ or H₂S was observed.

A local campaign [group](#) are trying to raise £9000 to monitor air and water quality at Brockham.

Other news

Natascha Engel was [announced](#) as the new commissioner for shale gas by the government. She is a former Labour MP who moved from opposing fracking to being pro-fracking.

[Report](#) that IGas has given up their exploration licence, PEDL188 situated south of Chester.

[Comments](#) from Energy Minister, Claire Perry that the limits for earth tremors due to fracking may be relaxed. [Kevin Hollinrake](#), Conservative MP in North Yorkshire, and PPS to Michael Gove, the Environment Secretary tells constituents that he opposes government proposals the could relax rules for shale exploration sites.

Cuadrilla [announce](#) that they plan to start fracking operations on 13 October, (delayed until 15 October due to weather) following the High Court refusal to extend the injunction against their operation. A series of minor earth tremors are recorded by the British Geological Survey (BGS) from 19 October, these increase in magnitude until a [1.1](#) magnitude tremor was recorded on 29 October, this was felt at surface by a single resident. Normally events below a magnitude of 2.0 are rarely detected, however, the BGS have a [network](#) of temporary sensors in the area which allows detection of low magnitude events.

[Claire Perry](#), the Energy Minister described shale gas as being “entirely consistent” with UK plans for a low-carbon future during a parliamentary debate.

Surrey councillor, Tim Hall gave [evidence](#) to an All Party Parliamentary Group about proposals to change the planning rules for shale exploration and described working with onshore oil companies in Surrey.

Local councillors and campaigners [call](#) on government to halt fracking operations at Preston North Road.