

## Overview of conventional onshore UK Oil and Gas – September 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

[Michael Gove](#) the Minister for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced that the Forestry Commission would not be renewing the licence for Holmwood, current lease expired on 12 September. Europa is now pulling out and clearing the site.

UKOG [announce](#) that well tests “exceeded expectations” and forecast that production could be 362 bopd. They plan to sidetrack existing well or drill a new horizontal appraisal well, HH-2. Campaigners are [removed](#) from their protest camp near Horse Hill.

[UKOG](#) announce that they have completed their acquisition of the 22% shareholding from Gynsynd, Primorus and Solo Oil. At the end of September Horse Hill Development Ltd release details of their [plans](#) to extend the Horse Hill site with a further four production wells and a water injector.

Angus Energy announced that they were planning to complete a 7 day well test at [Balcombe](#) by the end of Q3. [Protestors](#) gather at Balcombe as equipment is moved onsite for flow test and Angus Energy granted a High Court [injunction](#) against protests at Balcombe.

[Angus](#) announce that well testing has started at Balcombe on 24 September, this is followed three days later by complaints of [noise](#) from the Balcombe well test by members of Frack Free Balcombe Residents’ Association. Angus Energy install “echo barriers” to further reduce noise levels. At the same time a [petition](#) against the current well test is launched by No Fracking in Balcombe Society.

Planning officers support two applications by UKOG for a further 18 months’ work at Broadford Bridge and WSCC [approve](#) the extension to planning permission.

### Other news

The Trade Union Congress (TUC) votes for a [moratorium](#) of fracking in England while a further study is made of the risks/benefits. Shadow chancellor [John McDonnell](#) tells Westminster rally that opposition to fracking is a core Labour policy. There are [reports](#) that around 20 Conservative MPs will vote against the government over the proposal to allow fracking companies to carry out exploratory drilling without planning permission. Conservative MP for Arundel and South Downs, [Nick Herbert](#) calls for oilfield drilling in Sussex to be properly regulated.

[Drill or Drop](#) website report on methane emissions from a Kimmeridge well in Dorset, the EA estimate that nearly 300 tonnes of methane were released in 2017.

A report by the [German Aerospace Centre](#), commissioned by Greenpeace says that sales of new petrol and diesel cars must be phased out in Europe by 2030 in order to reach Paris global warming goals