

Planning and Regulatory Committee
26 March 2025

PROCEDURAL MATTERS – PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Question submitted by Jackie Macey

What steps can the council take in order to ensure that UKOG comply with their requirement to clear and restore the site at Horse Hill, given that they have previously been willing to act unlawfully?

Reply:

Ongoing monitoring of the site and engagement with the operator will continue to ensure that progress continues on the site. Formal action will only be taken where it is considered expedient to do so and the assessment of expediency will remain ongoing alongside the continued monitoring and engagement.

2. Question submitted by Sarah Freeman

Has the council conducted any further monitoring visits at Horse Hill and if so, what information has been gathered as a result?

Reply:

The most recent site visit was on 20 March 2025. This inspection was prearranged alongside the operator. The CPA were made aware of the commencement of further decommissioning works taking place at the site on 13 March 2025. The visit was arranged so that officers were able to confirm the status of these works.

Upon arrival to the site officers observed that the down rods and pump and now been removed from HH-1 Wellsite. Additionally, the blue pump had been removed and was observed laid on the sites surface. In addition to the practical work required to safely suspend the Wellsite operations, officers observed continuing efforts to remove operational development associated with the production activity.

As site clearance and suspension works continues, officers will continue to inspect the facility to ensure progress continues at a satisfactory pace.

Edward Hawkins
Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee
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