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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I am writing to object to UKOG's proposal for an extension of their activities at Bradford Bridge. The site has no commercial potential for the extraction of hydrocarbons and should be restored as a matter of urgency.

In any event the site should not have been considered for extraction because, in order to reach our climate targets for 2030, we must leave hydrocarbons in the ground. Additionally such activity would pose unacceptable risks to the local environment.

UKOG's stated aim of considering the site for geothermal energy or tea plantation is, in my view, a red herring intended to delay the restoration and to bolster their share price. If they are serious about these proposals they should enter a fresh planning application which could then be properly scrutinised.

For all the above reasons I urge the planning authority to reject UKOG's proposal and to require UKOG to restate the site immediately.

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