

Public notices

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE

THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Jackdaw Field Development

BG International Limited (an affiliate of Shell U.K. Limited) has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority ("the OGA") in relation to the above project. A notice was previously published under Regulation 11(3)(c) in respect of this application for consent and the accompanying Environmental Statement on 10/05/2021. Further information is now available in respect of this project.

Summary of Project

Jackdaw gas condensate field is located 250 km east of Aberdeen, Scotland and adjacent to the UK/Norway median line. The project involves drilling four wells, installation of a new wellhead platform and a new pipeline ca. 30 km to the existing Shearwater host platform where the fluids will be processed before onward export via the Fulmar Gas Line and the Forties Pipeline System. Drilling, installation and commissioning will take place between 2023-2025.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure, and Regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Norway.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("the Secretary of State") prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State's decision on whether or not to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that BG International Limited must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measure to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and the OGA for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>, where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the previous notice made under Regulation 11(3)(c), the summary of the project, the Environmental Statement, and the further information may be viewed and downloaded at www.shell.co.uk/sustainability/reporting and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>. Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement, summary of the project and the further information may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to

BG International Limited
Jackdaw Project, c/o Shell U.K. Limited, 1 Altens Farm Road, Nigg, Aberdeen, AB12 3FY,
by e-mail to HSE-Learning@shell.com or
by telephone 01224-882000 by 18/04/2022.

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Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 18/04/2022. All representations should quote reference number D/4260/2021 and may be made by letter or email to:

Business Support Team
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, AB1 Building, Crimon Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1BJ. BST@beis.gov.uk

Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office.