

Update from Infrastrata to Swanage Town Council

Further to discussions at the Monthly Council Meeting held on 4th May 2016, it was agreed that an update would be sought from Infrastrata regarding the proposed oil/gas exploration at California Quarry.

The following statement was provided to the Town Council on 15th July 2016:

‘Further to the acquisition of the seismic data earlier in the year it is intended for work to commence at California Quarry this winter. Whilst InfraStrata will no longer be directly involved in the project a new consortium is being assembled. The preferred operator will have to be approved by the Government.

The Town Council will of course continue to be informed as and when things develop’.

Following a request to clarify the likely start date of drilling, it was confirmed that ‘there will be no drilling in the autumn’.

At the Monthly Council Meeting held on 25th July 2016, it was agreed that this matter would be placed on a future agenda, at such time when further information is available, and not later than the October 2016 Monthly Council Meeting.

At such time that the consortium is announced, the Town Council will make them aware of the environmental, safety and traffic concerns that have been raised with the Council.

Martin Ayres
Town Clerk

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