

Press Release

Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth

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Applications to Survey for Oil and Gas off West Wales Coast “Suspended”

Applications to survey for oil and gas off the West Wales coast have been suspended by the company Eni UK Ltd. This news has just been revealed in a letter to Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy in London [1].

Gordon James, campaigner with Pembrokeshire FoE, said:

“We are delighted to learn that this outrageous plan to search for oil and gas in one of the U.K.’s most valuable marine wildlife areas has been suspended.

The proposal triggered an extremely angry response throughout West Wales and further afield. It made a mockery of the declaration of a climate change emergency by the Welsh Government and the House of Commons and flew in the face of growing international concern about wildlife extinction. We now call upon the company to totally scrap, rather than just suspend, this application.

We also call upon the Welsh Government to tighten their policies to ensure that this sort of application cannot happen again”.

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- 1 See attached letter from the Development for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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