

# GREEN VIEW

## BOURNEMOUTH OIL RUSH SPECIAL



Local activist  
Chris Rigby



Green Councillor  
Simon Bull

### MAJOR OIL RUSH AFTER BOURNEMOUTH BEACH TEST DRILLING

“Dorset could become the new Dallas”, says Bournemouth Echo

Bournemouth now faces a headlong rush for full-scale **long-term new oil drilling**, just off our **award-winning beach**. The test oil rig in Poole Bay discovered 15 million barrels of extractable oil. which if burned will lead to an estimated extra **1.7 million tonnes of carbon emissions**.

Applications are expected for a full licence for horizontal drilling from the shore. One of the oil corporations involved has publicly declared its glee at the projected fat profits for its shareholders from the continuing local ecocidal destruction (*more overleaf*).

The full phase of drilling will require a separate Government licence, so the **community campaign to stop new oil drilling in Dorset now intensifies**.



The test oil rig was permitted to dump up to **6,700 tonnes of drilling chemicals in Poole Bay**

*Photo: Mick Gisbourne*

#### Say NO – take action now!

Sign and share the petition to ban all new oil drilling: <https://bit.ly/2JMYwt8>

Donate to the crowdfunder for legal action: <https://bit.ly/2JJV0Q7>

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## A GREEN VOTE IN BOURNEMOUTH IS A VOTE TO LEAVE THE OIL IN THE SEABED... AND RECOGNISE THE **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

### BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH & POOLE COUNCIL ELECTION – THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY



Simon Bull stands for a **Climate Emergency declaration and NO new oil drilling**

Declaring a **climate emergency in Bournemouth** will be the very **first proposal by Green Party councillors you elect on 2<sup>nd</sup> May** to the new Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council. Other councils around the country have already declared climate emergency.

**We have about five years to make a difference to the climate.** The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) say the urgent changes needed are “**affordable and feasible**”.

This May 2nd, **YOU have the opportunity to demand immediate proper action** in our town – by **voting Green here** in Winton East, **where the Green Party’s Simon Bull won last time**.

Councillor Simon Bull said: “The Green Party have been **leading the movement up and down the country** to have climate emergencies declared in councils. **Bournemouth needs to make a declaration** consistent with the IPCC report, which puts on Council the onus to do something, to **take action**. We must do what we can, **so our children and our children’s children have a future they can enjoy.**”

**PROTECT OUR COASTLINE AND YOUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE – VOTE GREEN ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

## LOCAL CONSERVATIVE MP CONOR BURNS IS PAID £40,000/YEAR BY OIL INDUSTRY

Conor Burns, Conservative MP for Bournemouth West, is **paid £40,000 per year for on-the-side work as a “consultant”** for Trant Construction Ltd, an engineering firm whose **links with the oil and gas industry** include the Wytch Farm oilfield in Poole Harbour. (*Sources at [sedorset.greenparty.org.uk](http://sedorset.greenparty.org.uk)*)

Mr Burns vehemently opposed the proposed Navitus windfarm. The Conservative government blocked the proposal, further away from the Poole Bay shoreline than the test oil rig for which they rammed through permission.

Green Councillor Simon Bull said: “I was very concerned that our local MP **Conor Burns did nothing in opposition to the oil rig**. After all the attacks he made on the Navitus windfarm, I was surprised he didn't take more action over this. The new oil drilling agenda is **far more damaging** across our area.”

A Freedom Of Information request has confirmed that Conservative-run Bournemouth Council spent tens of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money objecting to the Navitus windfarm, but only a small fraction of that amount opposing the current Poole Bay oil drilling agenda.

## BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE FOR CLIMATE ACTION

**#ClimateEmergency advocate Simon Bull was the only councillor to attend**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, many Bournemouth school students joined **hundreds of thousands in over 100 countries** in stepping out of school on another “**Youth Strike 4 Climate**”, demanding immediate urgent action to curb global warming.

Councillor Simon Bull told the large rally of young people outside Bournemouth Town Hall: “I'm very delighted at the great turnout, to get the message across that **we can't carry on like this**. They're not listening to us, so hopefully they'll listen to you, because it's your futures we're talking about. **I'm delighted that young people are actually taking the initiative.**”



**Cllr Simon Bull addressing the magnificent gathering of school students at Bournemouth's latest #YouthStrike4Climate**

## SPATE OF DEAD MAMMALS WASHED UP ON BEACHES DURING TEST DRILLING

While the test oil rig was in position, **two porpoises, two dolphins and a seal were found dead on beaches** around Dorset and the Isle of Wight. The spike in the number of stranded washed-up bodies was **highly unusual**.

Serious concerns from charity wildlife experts about **the possibility of a link** between the spate of beachings and the presence of the oil rig were reported in *The Times* and the *Bournemouth Echo*. Local wildlife groups strongly opposed the oil rig from the start, partly because drilling noise can be disorienting for animals which rely on sonar to navigate.



**Southbourne Beach during test drilling**

## CHRIS RIGBY: WE MUST AIM FOR A CARBON-NEUTRAL LOCAL ECONOMY

**We need to start making changes now.** We need targets to actually get sustainability into practice – not just talk about it. As the Green Party, we recognise that climate change is going to affect us locally and globally. That's why we're going to continue to **stand against the extraction of fossil fuels**. We're going to promote the use of renewable energy, and we're going to take the lead on driving towards zero-carbon economies. What that means is that **we have to start somewhere, and this is where we're starting now.**



**Chris Rigby addressing Bournemouth anti-drilling rally**

## ..... CAN WE HELP WITH LOCAL ISSUES? .....



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**STOP THE OIL RUSH INSANITY AND DECLARE CLIMATE EMERGENCY – VOTE GREEN ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**