Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) Consultation

Results

Portobello Community Council November 2015



Aims of the Consultation

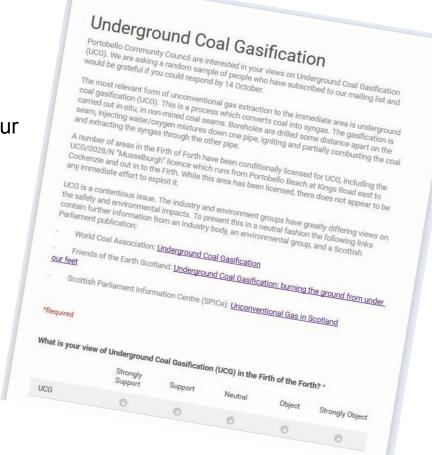
To ascertain community views on Underground Coal Gasification (UCG), which is the most relevant form of unconventional gas extraction to the immediate area.

This is a process which converts coal into syngas. The gasification is carried out in-situ, in non-mined coal seams. Boreholes are drilled some distance apart on the seam, injecting water/oxygen mixtures down one pipe, igniting and partially combusting the coal and extracting the syngas through the other pipe.

The consultation ran from 1 to 14 October 2015 and was carried out as a controlled sample of 1000 people, randomly selected from our email distribution list.

Method

- Carried out as a controlled sample of 1000 people, randomly selected from our email distribution list
- Not advertised by any other means
- Neutral description of the technique, along with links to further information from industry, government and environmental sources
- Single question "what is your view of UCG in the Firth of the Forth"



Results

- Strongly

 Support
 1.6%
 3%

 Support
 1.6%

 Neutral
 7.0%
 7%

 Object
 16.3%
 90%

 Strongly Object
 73.6%
- Of the 1000 people randomly selected, 278 opened the form, with 129 completing the consultation
 - 91% of those responses were from people resident within the Portobello Community Council area
- Overwhelming opposition to UCG in the Firth of Forth, with 90% either objecting or strongly objecting

Results

What is your view of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in the Firth of the Forth?



Results

Full anonymised results at:

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