Proposed changes to Policy Map to reflect recently granted Onshore Hydrocarbon Licences

On 17 December 2015, the Oil & Gas Authority (OGA) announced that licences for a total of 159 blocks were formally offered to successful applicants under the 14th Onshore Oil and Gas Licensing Round.

Three licence block cover parts of Sefton and modifications are required to amend the Local Plan Policy Map to reflect these areas. These additional areas are shown in red on the map below [the existing licence areas are shown in blue].

Additionally the Council proposes to amend paragraph 11.64 of the Local Plan for Sefton as follows:

There are current licences for onshore oil and gas exploration which cover parts of Sefton, whilst other licenses are due to be awarded by government in 2015.