

QUICK VERSION

CONSULTATION 1 – Should shale gas exploration (fracking) be reclassified as Permitted Development?

Open the consultation document here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9LDDSVZ>

Fill in contact details etc.

Then answer the questions as follows (if you want to understand, please consult the attachments, where the questions are discussed fully):

QUESTION 1a

No

QUESTION 1b

No definition would be appropriate because non-hydraulic exploratory drilling for shale gas should not be considered as Permitted Development under any circumstances.

QUESTION 2

No

QUESTION 3a

Yes

QUESTION 3b

I would like to clarify my response to question 3a, which is written in very confusing language. Non hydraulic exploratory drilling for shale gas should NOT be allowed in the areas listed under any circumstances.

QUESTION 3c

The permitted development regime was originally established so that small, uncontroversial developments - such as a conservatory, a loft conversion or a garden shed - can proceed without the applicant having to apply for local council planning permission. Constructing an exploratory well-pad is neither small nor uncontroversial, and if included in the permitted development regime would be a clear misuse of the principles and intentions of permitted development legislation.

QUESTION 4

As previously mentioned, I am strongly opposed to the principle of non-hydraulic exploratory drilling for shale gas being classed as permitted development. This question, along with questions 1 and 3, is only appropriate if this principle has been accepted, and therefore has no place in a consultation that claims to be consulting on the principle itself.

QUESTION 5

The construction of exploratory well sites, with all the accompanying noise, traffic and disruption, is currently classed as major development, and is therefore not appropriate for a so-called 'light-touch' regime of prior approval, which I strongly oppose in principle.

QUESTION 6

Leave blank.

QUESTION 7

Given that the stated aim of this consultation is to establish whether there is support for the principle of making non-hydraulic exploratory drilling for shale gas permitted development, why are there no options available in Questions 1, 2 and 6 for people and organisations that oppose this principle? This is clearly unacceptable and shows that this consultation is specifically designed to manufacture consent to this outrageous and unworkable proposal.

CONSULTATION 2 – Should shale gas exploration (fracking) be reclassified as NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project)?

Open the consultation document here <https://beisgovuk.citizenspace.com/energy-development/nsip-shale-gas/consultation/intro/>

Fill in contact details etc.

Then answer the questions as follows (if you want to understand, please consult the attachments, where the questions are discussed fully):

QUESTION 1

No

QUESTION 2

Declaring shale gas production projects to be NSIPs would deprive local authorities of any direct decision-making role in relation to such projects. This would be an affront to local democracy that would result in the industrialisation of the countryside against the wishes of communities, councils and the country as a whole.

QUESTION 3

In the box labeled 'Other: Please specify', please answer as follows: There are no criteria that would make the proposal that fracking production should become part of the NSIP regime acceptable, and I reiterate my opposition to this proposal in principle.

QUESTION 4

Add comments if you have them. Leave blank if you don't.

QUESTION 5

I do not think this change should ever be introduced, as I am strongly opposed to including shale gas production projects in the NSIP regime.

QUESTION 6

Add comments if you have them. Leave blank if you don't.