

LET COMMUNITIES DECIDE

Template Council Motion on Permitted Development Proposal

Below is text that may be proposed for consideration and debate by local councils as a motion. It is based closely on the text of a motion passed unanimously by Lancashire County Council in July 2018 and since adopted by many others.

A council motion notes information pertinent to the issue at hand, and includes a resolution to take action of some kind. Motions must be tabled by a councillor, and so you will need to find and approach a councillor happy to fulfill this function. They also need to be seconded by different councillor. At some councils a named seconder is needed at the point where the motion is submitted; at others a seconder need only be found by the day of debate.

If the motion is passed by your council, remember to contact the local media and publicise this - media coverage hugely increase the value of the act to the campaign. Check out the [local media guide](#) for top tips on engaging the media in your area.

There's more information on our **How to pass a council motion** blog post

Motion Text

In May 2018 Ministers outlined a proposal in a Written Ministerial Statement to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as permitted development and to redefine large scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, thus stripping back local authority control and community involvement in decision-making.

[Council name] Council is committed to the principles of localism and the involvement of local communities in decisions that affect their environment, their health and safety and their well-being and resolves to write to relevant government ministers that applications for shale gas exploration and fracking should be determined by local planning authorities in accordance with current planning law and guidance, and also to share this response with [Council area] MPs..

Good luck! Do let us know how you get on, whether the motion is proposed at your local council and if it succeeds in being passed sebastian.kelly@350.org or fracking@foe.co.uk