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Dear Sir or Madam

Shale gas exploration in North Nottinghamshire

IGas Energy is a British onshore oil and gas explorer and developer. We currently produce around 3,000 barrels of oil and gas a day from over 100 sites across the country. Within the wider East Midlands area we operate 16 oil fields from 80 sites. In Nottinghamshire, we operate from a number of sites the most significant of which is the Gainsborough-Beckingham oil field, where we are producing around 300 barrels of oil and 1 million cubic feet of natural gas a day.

At IGas, we want to play our part in diversifying Britain's energy mix and reducing our reliance on imported resources. An energy diverse Britain is an energy secure Britain and natural gas from shale rock can play its part in helping to bring stability to the UK energy market and ensure we can continue to heat our homes. It also has the potential to be transformational for the economies of the areas in which it is present and could be key in protecting jobs in manufacturing as well as creating new jobs in the industry and throughout the supply chain. We are therefore looking for appropriate sites from which we can produce natural gas.

To find out how much gas is present in the underground rocks, exploration wells are drilled and a sample of the rock, called a core, is brought to the surface to be sent to a laboratory for analysis.

We have recently identified a new site, known as Tinker Lane, in the Parish of Torworth which we plan to develop as an exploration site. The proposed development would be to drill a single vertical well down through the coal and shale layers to collect the rock samples for analysis. We are in a very early stage of the process and have only recently submitted a scoping request to Nottinghamshire County Council setting out environmental matters we believe need to be addressed in order to progress any future planning application. Details of this Scoping Request can be viewed at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/pressreleases/show/island-gas-submits-scoping-request-to-county-council-for-new-possible-shale-gas-site>

You may be aware we are also developing a further exploration site north of Torworth, in the Parish of Misson, where we have now submitted a planning application. These two sites will compliment each other and give our technical teams a better picture across the area on which to base any future operational decisions.

It is important to us to keep the communities in which we work fully informed of our activities. Although we are in the early stages of the process at Torworth, we are keen to meet with you and share more information about this development. We have arranged two public exhibitions where our staff will be on hand to answer your questions in a friendly and informal way about the plans for either site, or about our operations more generally.

The events will take place between 3pm and 8pm on:

Wednesday 18th November in The Charnwood Hotel, Blyth, Worksop, S81 8HF

Thursday 19th November in The Mayflower Bar and Eatery, Austerfield, Doncaster, DN10 6QU

We will continue to update you as we go through this process and will also be sharing information through the parish councils and other interested community groups. If you would like more information in the meantime, you can visit igas-engage.co.uk or call us on 0203 675 6058.

Yours sincerely

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