

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

**APPLICATION REF. NO.:** 8/14/01479/CMA

**APPLICANT:** Newton Energy UK Ltd

**DEVELOPMENT:** Temporary permission for the retention of existing wellsite and drilling of two oil and natural gas appraisal boreholes

**LOCATION:** Harlequin 3 Wellsite, on land adjacent to the A52 (Grantham Road) between Oatfield Lane and Spellow Farm Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent

Following consideration of an application for the above development as shown on the submitted plans, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, in pursuance of their powers under the above Act, hereby

### GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION

for the development in accordance with the application, subject to compliance with the attached conditions and for the following reasons.

**Failure to comply with the terms of this permission may render the development unlawful.**

Date of decision 16 October 2014

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Authorised to sign on behalf of the County Council

(1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, he may appeal to the Secretary of State, in accordance with section 78 of the Town and Country Planning act 1990, within six months of the date of this notice. Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him that permission for proposed development could not have been granted by the local planning authority, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by them, having regard to the statutory requirements (\*) to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the order. He does not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the local planning authority was based on a direction given by him.

**(\*) The statutory requirements are those set out in section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely sections 70(1)-(3) and 72(1) of the Act.**

(2) If permission to develop land is refused, or granted subject to conditions, whether by the local planning authority or by the Secretary of State and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Common Council, or on the Council of the County Borough, London Borough or Country District in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a purchase notice requiring that council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(3) In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(4) The validity of this decision may be challenged by persons with sufficient interest through a claim for judicial review. Any such claim must be filed with the Administrative Court promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date of the decision. Such claims can be costly and should be pursued as a last resort after all other action has been exhausted. You would be advised to seek professional legal advice before pursuing a claim for judicial review. The full procedures governing the making of such a claim are set out in the Civil Procedure Rules Part 54.

**NOTE: THIS PERMISSION REFERS ONLY TO THAT REQUIRED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CONSENT OR APPROVAL UNDER ANY OTHER ENACTMENT, BYLAW, ORDER OR REGULATION.**

**STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT**

In determining this application the Minerals Planning Authority has worked positively and proactively with the applicant by entering into pre-application discussion; assessing the proposals against relevant Development Plan policies; all material considerations; consultation responses and any valid representations that may have been received. Issues of concern have been raised with the applicant and addressed through negotiation and acceptable amendments to the proposals. This approach has been in accordance with the requirement set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

**SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS AND REASONS**

**Duration of the Permission**

1. The use of the well site for exploratory oilfield operations shall cease on or before 31 October 2017 and the well site restored, in accordance with approved restoration details and timescales prescribed in the Conditions below.

*Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in order to define the extent of the permission.*

**Approved Documents**

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following documents, or where amendments are made pursuant to other conditions below –
  - a) Planning application form and Planning Statement received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - b) Plan titled 'Red Line Boundary Plan' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/001 received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - c) Plan titled 'Site Location Plan' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/003 received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - d) Plan titled 'Drilling Rig Layout' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/005 received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - e) Plan titled 'Well Testing Layout' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/006 received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
  - f) Drawing titled 'Drilling Rig Section' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/007 received by the MPA on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
  - g) Drawing titled 'Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/008 received by the MPA on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
  - h) Drawing titled 'Drilling Rig Acoustic Panels' Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/009 received by the MPA on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

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- i) Document titled 'NoiseGardz Acoustic Barriers' by DSL received by the MPA on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

*Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in order to define the extent of the permission.*

**Buildings and Fence**

3. No development shall take place until details of the exact siting and appearance of the temporary buildings proposed for the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

*Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy M3.3 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

4. Prior to its erection, details of the appearance of the site boundary fence shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

*Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy M3.3 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Protection Measures**

5. No development shall take place until details of the measures to be taken to protect all retained trees, shrubs and hedges, including the existing hedge adjacent to the A52, from damage during the course of the development have been submitted to and been approved in writing by the MPA. The means of protection shall accord with the provisions set out in British Standard BS 5837:2005 entitled 'Trees in Relation to Construction' (or as may be subsequently amended) and shall include:

- i) A plan to define the trees, shrubs and hedges to be protected including means of protection;
- ii) Measures to prevent the disturbance, raising or reduction in soil levels within the area of the root spread of trees and hedges;
- iii) Measures to prevent the storage and placement of materials or the movement of plant or machinery in the protected area(s).

The means of protection shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to any equipment, machinery or materials being brought onto the site for the purpose of the development and shall be retained on site until all plant, machinery equipment and surplus materials have been removed from the site. No excavation shall be made within the protected area(s) without the prior written approval of the MPA.

*Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy M3.4 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

6. Any existing trees, shrubs, or hedgerows which become damaged or are removed by the developer shall be replaced with similar specimens in the first available planting season in accordance with details, including a maintenance schedule covering a period of five years,

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which shall have been previously submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA. All planting proposed shall be of local provenance.

*Reason: In the interest of amenity and to accord with Policy M3.4 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Well Status**

7. Annually, starting 12 months from the date of this permission, the operator shall submit to the MPA details of the status of the well site.

*Reason: To assist with the monitoring of conditions attached to the planning permission and for the avoidance of doubt.*

8. The MPA shall be given written notification of the permanent cessation of oilfield operations at the well head within 30 days of its occurrence.

*Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.*

**Hours**

9. Except for drilling, the pumping of hydrocarbons, well testing, and essential daily inspections and essential maintenance and in the event of emergencies (which shall be notified to the MPA within 48 hours of its occurrence), or with the prior written approval of the MPA, no operations shall be carried out except between the hours of :

07:00 and 19:00 hours Monday to Friday

07:00 and 13:00 hours Saturdays

No operations other than those specified above shall be carried out on Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays.

*Reason: In the interests of amenity and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

10. No tankers associated with the development hereby permitted shall enter, exit or operate on the Harlequin 3 Well site except between the hours of 07:00 hrs and 18:00 hrs Monday to Friday, 07:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs on Saturdays and not on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays, unless associated with an emergency or with the prior written approval of the MPA.

*Reason: In the interests of amenity and to accord with Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

11. All works of restoration shall be carried out within the hours of 07:00 hrs and 18:00 hrs Monday to Friday, 07:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs on Saturdays and no such work shall take place on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

*Reason: In the interests of amenity and to accord with Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

**Dust**

12. The applicant shall, within one week of a written request from the MPA, submit a dust monitoring scheme to the MPA for its written approval and thereafter this scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details. Measures shall be used to ensure that dust generated within the site is kept to a minimum.

*Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to accord with Policy M3.7 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Noise**

13. The drilling rig and other plant and machinery shall be fitted with effective silencers and maintained in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations for the duration of the operations on site.

*Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

14. The drill rig shall be orientated such that the drill tower offers the acoustic shielding towards the dwellings on Saxondale Drive.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents during the night-time and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

15. A temporary noise barrier in accordance with the details shown in the document titled 'NoiseGardz Acoustic Barriers' by DSL received by the MPA on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 shall be erected in the position shown on Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/009 to shield properties on Saxondale Drive. The noise barrier shall be erected prior to the commencement of drilling operations and maintained for the duration of the operations.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents during the night-time and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

16. Prior to commencement of drilling operations, the applicant shall submit to the MPA for its approval in writing, details of the drilling rig to be employed and a drilling phase noise management plan. This shall detail the methodology for noise monitoring at Hill Farmhouse and Spellow Farm along with details of initial noise mitigation measures to be incorporated, such as orientation of rig, layout of site, fitting of silencers and acoustic enclosures, and details of the noise barrier referred to in Condition 15 including a justification for the height proposed of the barrier shown on Drawing No. PSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/009. In addition, the plan shall detail measures in place to enable noise mitigation to be sourced and erected quickly, in the event of the NPPF criterion being exceeded. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

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*Reason: In the interests of amenity and protection of the environment and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

17. The level of noise emitted as a result of any activity or operation at the well site associated with the development hereby permitted shall not exceed 10dB(A) LAeq, 1hr (free field) above background noise levels and not above 55dB(A)LAeq, 1hr (free field) during day time hours (0700-1900) or 42dB(A)LAeq, 1hr (free field) during evening and night-time hours (1900-0700) when measured at the nearest residential property.

*Reason: In the interests of amenity and protection of the environment and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

18. The applicant shall undertake noise monitoring at Hill Farmhouse and Spellow Farm over a full night-time period in the first week of drilling operations to confirm that noise levels from the drilling operations complies with the night-time criterion of 42 dB LAeq, 1hr (free-field). The precise location and methodology shall be agreed in writing with the MPA prior to commencing noise monitoring and the results shall be submitted to the MPA within one week of completing the noise monitoring.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents during the night-time and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

19. Notwithstanding the above, the operator shall, within one week of a written request from the MPA, carry out a noise survey to confirm that the noise from the development hereby permitted complies with the day-time criterion of 55dB LAeq, 1hr (free-field) and the night-time criterion of 42 dB LAeq, 1hr (free-field). The location and methodology shall be agreed in writing with the MPA prior to commencing noise monitoring and the results shall be submitted to the MPA within one week of completing the noise monitoring.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

20. In the event that the NPPF criterion is exceeded, details of additional noise mitigation measures shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA. Such measures shall be implemented as soon as is practically possible and no later than 14 days of being approved by the MPA. Such measures shall be implemented as approved for the duration of the development unless agreed in writing by the MPA.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents and to accord with Policy M3.5 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

### Highway Protection

21. Provision shall be made to ensure that no nuisance is caused by mud or other detritus being carried onto the highway by vehicles leaving the well site.

*Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to accord with Policies M3.7 and M3.12 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Contamination and Ground Water Protection**

22. Any facility for the storage of oils, fuels or chemicals shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The volume of the bunded compound should be at least equivalent to the capacity of the tank plus 10%. If there are multiple tanks, the compound should be at least equivalent of the capacity of the largest tank, or the combined capacity of interconnected tanks, plus 10%. All filling points, vents, gauges and sight glasses must be located within the bund. The drainage system of the bund shall be such that there is no discharge to any watercourse, land or underground strata. All filling points and tank overflow pipe outlets should be designed to discharge downwards into the bund.

*Reason: To prevent pollution of the water environment in accordance with Policy M3.8 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

23. There shall be no unauthorised discharge of foul or contaminated drainage from the well site into either groundwater or any surface waters, whether direct or via soakaways.

*Reason: To prevent pollution of the water environment in accordance with Policy M3.8 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

24. All surface water drainage at the well site in its exploratory/test phase, with the exception of roof water, shall be passed through an oil interceptor designed and constructed to have the capacity compatible with the site being drained.

*Reason: To prevent pollution of the water environment in accordance with Policy M3.8 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

25. All foul drainage shall be contained within a sealed and watertight cesspit, in order to avoid overflow this facility must be fitted with an operational level warning system.

*Reason: To prevent pollution of the water environment in accordance with Policy M3.8 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Traffic**

26. The number of HGV movements to and from the well site shall be restricted to the following, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the MPA:

a) for the purpose of the drilling phase (mobilisation and demobilisation, drilling and drill stem testing) no more than 42 single movements in any given week taking place on no more than 14 weeks for each of the two exploratory boreholes.

Records of the period of works shall be maintained and made available to the MPA in writing within 2 weeks of a written request.

*Reason: In the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy M3.12 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and for the protection of amenity.*

27. The access point to the public highway (where this lies outside the public highway) serving Harlequin 3 Wellsite as shown on Drawing No. PSSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/002 received by the



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MPA on 26 June 2014 shall be retained and maintained for the duration of the development.

*Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to accord with Policies M3.7 and M3.12 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

28. The private access road used by traffic attending the well site shall be regularly monitored and any damage to the surface resulting from the passage of these vehicles shall be made good.

*Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to accord with Policy M3.12 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan*

### **Lighting**

29. No development shall take place until details and specific locations of external lighting proposed on the site and drilling rig have been submitted to and approved in writing by the MPA. The external lighting shall thereafter be installed prior to operations commencing and be maintained in accordance with the approved details.

*Reason: In the interest of local amenity and protection of wildlife and to accord with Policy M3.3 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

30. Any surface floodlighting shall be located and shielded such as to reduce glare and avoid light scatter and therefore minimise the effects of light impact along the hedgerow to the southern boundary of the site, the adjacent trunk road (A52) and any nearby residential property to the satisfaction of the MPA. With regards to the adjacent trunk road, the proposed lighting shall not encroach upon the trunk road network.

*Reason: In the interest of local amenity and protection of wildlife and to accord with Policy M3.3 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

31. The well site shall only be lit when manned.

*Reason: In the interest of local amenity and protection of wildlife.*

### **Permitted Development Rights**

32. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended, no new fixed plant, machinery or buildings shall be installed or erected on any well site without the prior approval of the MPA.

*Reason: To protect local amenity and to accord with Policy GP2 of the Rushcliffe Borough Non-Statutory Replacement Local Plan (Adopted December 2006).*

**Soils**

33. All existing soil stockpiles and internal soil areas shall be maintained with grass cover and managed so that they are kept free from weeds. No soils shall be removed from the well site.

*Reason: To protect and preserve soil resources in accordance with Policy M4.3 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and protect local amenity.*

34. Unless otherwise agreed under other conditions attached to this permission no operations carried out under this permission are to disturb the soil bund area shown on Drawing No. PSSSL/NEUK/H3/PA/004 received by the MPA on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

*Reason: To protect the ecological interest in the Harlequin 3 well site and to accord with Policy M3.20 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.*

**Nature Conservation**

35. Details of a planting scheme for the inclusion of some native tree planting in the hedgerow to the southern boundary of the site abutting the A52 (Grantham Road) shall be submitted to the MPA for its approval in writing within three months of the date of commencement of drilling activities. The planting scheme shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the approved details in accordance with the agreed timetable. Furthermore, the hedgerow shall be allowed to grow taller and wider so that the corridor for foraging bats is more effective.

*Reason: In the interest of nature conversation and to support a protected species.*

36. The soil mounds, in situ on the site, shall be seeded with species mixes containing plants that yield oil-rich seeds for foraging birds, the details of which shall be submitted to the MPA for its approval in writing within three months of the date of commencement of drilling activities. The seeding shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details in accordance with the agreed timetable.

*Reason: In the interest of nature conservation and to support local bird populations.*

**Restoration and Aftercare**

37. All boreholes shall be plugged and the beam pumps, hardstanding, perimeter fencing and associated infrastructure removed from the well site within 6 months of the cessation of oilfield operations on that well site.

*Reason: To ensure well sites are made safe and to enable restoration of the well site and ensure provision is made to protect surrounding landscape features during decommissioning and restoration.*

38. Details of the measures to secure and make safe any retained underground pipework and cabling shall be submitted to the MPA within 3 months of the cessation of oilfield operations on the well site. The approved measures shall be implemented as approved within 3 months of their approval.

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*Reason: To ensure well sites are made safe and to enable restoration of the well sites and ensure provision is made to protect surrounding landscape features during decommissioning and restoration.*

39. Prior to 31 October 2017, or within 6 months of the cessation of oilfield operations on the well site, whichever is sooner, a restoration scheme for the well site shall be submitted to the MPA for its written approval. The restoration schemes shall include, but not necessarily be restricted to details of the following;
- a) soil depths, ground ripping and cultivations;
  - b) soil testing of site soils to establish any levels of contamination and its general vitality with regard to restoration;
  - c) volumes of any soils to be imported, their source and specification;
  - d) details of what is to be removed from the site in terms of vegetation;
  - e) an outline rationale for the particular proposed restoration scheme, and how it fits within the recommendations of the Landscape Character Assessment for that particular policy zone including appropriate plans and drawings to fully illustrate the scheme. These should include how the scheme relates to surrounding features and details of any particular features;
  - f) seed mixtures to be sown and their application rates;
  - g) existing trees and hedgerows to be retained and method statements for the protection of retained trees and hedgerows within or adjacent to the restoration works to BS 5837:2012;
  - h) the number, size, species, spacing and means of protection of any additional tree or shrub planting to be carried out on the sites (such proposals should use stock of native genetic origin and be of species appropriate to the local area and if being restored to amenity or nature conservation after use shall, where possible create Local Biodiversity Action Plan habitats);
  - i) weed control;
  - j) drainage works.
  - k) a schedule of timings.

*Reason: To ensure the satisfactory restoration of the site and at the earliest opportunity.*

40. All soil replacement, grass seeding and planting shall be carried out by 31 October 2018, or within 12 months of the approval of any restoration scheme for the well site in the event of the cessation of oilfield operations on the well site ceasing prior to the date referred to 31 October 2017.

*Reason: To ensure the satisfactory restoration of the site and at the earliest opportunity.*

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41. Prior to 31 October 2017 or within 6 months of the cessation of oilfield operations on the well site, whichever is sooner, a 5 year aftercare scheme for the well site shall be submitted to the MPA for its written approval. The aftercare scheme shall include details of the steps to be taken to bring the land up to the required standard for agriculture and/or amenity afteruse including details of maintenance operations for the new scheme and a schedule of when and how frequently these operations will be carried out and provide for annual site meetings with the MPA to review progress.

*Reason: To ensure the satisfactory restoration of the site and at the earliest opportunity.*

42. The wellsite shall be managed for a period of 5 years in accordance with the aftercare scheme approved under Condition 41. The well site shall enter aftercare following the completion of restoration works, the date of which shall be notified to the MPA in writing within 7 days of its occurrence.

*Reason: To ensure the satisfactory restoration of the well sites and to accord with policy M4.9 of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and thereafter this scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the MPA.*

### NOTES TO APPLICANT

- 1. The development hereby permitted must be carried out in accordance with the conditions attached to this planning permission and any approved plans and details. Failure to implement the permission in accordance with the planning conditions and approved details may render the development unlawful and could lead to enforcement action and prosecution.**
- 2. If, at any stage, it becomes necessary to vary any of the approved plans or details you should contact the County Planning Authority in advance of implementing any changes to ascertain whether the proposed changes require any further planning approval.**
- 3. Where appropriate there is a fee payable currently £97 where a written request is made for the discharge of one or more conditions on the same permission or for confirmation that condition(s) on a permission have been complied with. The fee is payable for each request and not for each condition. When submitting a fee, please provide the planning application reference number making cheques payable to Nottinghamshire County Council and send them to the Planning Support Officer in Planning Services at, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford Nottingham, NG2 7QP.**
- 4. The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that the planning permission is not for the production of hydrocarbons.**
- 5. The attention of the applicant is drawn to the following information from the Environment Agency:**

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- that to undertake the operations permitted under this decision notice, the operator will need to apply for an Environmental Permit for a mining waste activity from the Environment Agency;
  - the operator will need to serve a notice under Section 199 of the Water Resources Act 1991 which involves filling in form WR11 (Notice of the intention to drill for minerals);
  - if the borehole/s go into production it is likely that the operator will also need a radioactive substance regulation (RSR) permit;
  - the operator can refer to the Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in the UK: Regulation and Best Practice (DECC, December 2013) for further details regarding the application process and permitting requirements.
6. Your attention is drawn to the Standing Advice from The Coal Authority dated 1 January 2013 set out below.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: STANDING ADVICE**

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010**

**Planning Application Consultations with the Coal Authority**

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to The Coal Authority on 0845 7626848.

Further information is also available on The Coal Authority website at [www.coal.decc.gov.uk](http://www.coal.decc.gov.uk)

Property specific summary information on past, current and future coal mining activity can be obtained from The Coal Authority's Property Search Service on 0845 762 6848 or at [www.groundstability.com](http://www.groundstability.com)

*This Standing Advice is valid from 1st January 2013 until 31st December 2014*