

# Memo

From: Planning Policy

To: Joel Marshall

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Reference number: V/4202**

**Proposed development: Vary Condition 4 of planning permission 1/15/01498/CDM to extend the evaluation and restoration period of the site for a further 3 years until November 2023 and to relinquish drilling the horizontal well**

**Location: Land off Springs Road, Misson, DN10 6ET**

**Applicant: Island Gas Ltd**

Thank you for consulting the planning policy team on this variation of condition application at Springs Road in Misson which seeks to extend the evaluation and restoration period for a further 3 years.

In terms of planning policy, the application must be considered in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2019), the emerging Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan (Publication Version, August 2019) and the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2005). Whilst the emerging plan is yet to be adopted, its provisions should be given some weight as a material consideration within the decision for this application. In terms of the adopted Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan, the key policies that should be considered are set out below, however caution should be used as the policies contained in the minerals plan may no longer be fully NPPF compliant.

In terms of policies relating to hydrocarbon development, whilst Chapter 13 of the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2005) contains policies covering Oil, Coalbed Methane and Mine Gas, shale gas development is not specifically covered. National Planning Policy and guidance therefore should be referenced when determining this application. The emerging Minerals Local Plan (Publication Version, 2019) also contains an Oil and Gas Policy (Policy MP12) which covers all hydrocarbon development, including shale gas. Following the virtual examination of the Publication Version of the emerging Plan in October 2020, the Council has proposed a main modification to Policy MP12 (MM22) to ensure it reflects National Policy and Guidance. At this stage, further modifications may be made to the policy following public consultation on the proposed modifications and upon receiving the inspector's final report. At this time though, the proposed modification to MP12 should not affect this application for variation of condition.

Chapters 3 and 4 of the Minerals Local Plan (2005) and the Development Management Policies within the Publication Version of the emerging Minerals Local Plan (2019) should also be considered to ensure environmental and amenity impacts of the development are not unacceptable.

The Planning Policy Team therefore has no policy objections to this application however this is subject to the officers' satisfaction that the environmental and amenity impacts of the development

are not unacceptable- for this we would defer to the relevant teams within the Council and relevant external bodies.

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