

## **Response Guides to opposition of consultation on Permitted Development**

*FFIOW - Feel Free to make whatever comments you wish to the answers. Please use your own words as much as you can and add any further observations. This is just a guide. If the answers are copied verbatim they will be seen as a simple copy and may be grouped as one response so try to make your responses your own.*

### **Question 1**

**a) Do you agree with this definition to limit a permitted development right to non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration? Yes/No**

**NO**

**b) If No, what definition would be appropriate?**

*There is no appropriate definition. The existing NPPF guidelines and regulatory process should not be altered to allow any drilling wells to become PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT. The parliamentary inquiry team agree that local authorities should make decisions on these types of development.*

### **Question 2**

**Should non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development be granted planning permission through a permitted development right? Yes/No**

**NO**

### **Question 3**

**a) Do you agree that a permitted development right for non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development would not apply to the following? Yes/No**

**YES**

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|---|------------------------------------|
| • Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty               | • National Parks                   |
| • The Broads  | • World Heritage Sites             |
| • Sites of Special Scientific Interest              | • Scheduled Monuments              |
| • Conservation areas                                | • Sites of archaeological interest |
| • Safety hazard areas                               | • Military explosive areas         |
| • Land safeguarded for aviation or defence purposes |                                    |
| • Protected groundwater source areas                |                                    |

**b) If No, please indicate why.**

**c) Are there any other types of land where a permitted development right for non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development should not apply?**

*ALL TYPES OF LAND SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN A PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHT FOR ANY TYPE OF OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION. We should keep current regulatory and planning policy processes.*

### **Question 4**

**What conditions and restrictions would be appropriate for a permitted development right for non-hydraulic shale gas exploration development?**

*The current national planning framework provides important regulatory processes for the oil and gas industry, demanding necessary checks and balances by local authorities and other government bodies.*

*The select committee has already highlighted the need to update these to further guarantee that local authorities may adjust their local plans to make the best decisions for their communities as they best understand the circumstances in their areas. Therefore there should no Permitted Development Right for oil and gas wells of any kind at any stage.*

#### **Question 5**

**Do you have comments on the potential considerations that a developer should apply to the local planning authority for a determination, before beginning the development?**

*Prior approval should not be available to the oil and gas industry and they should not be permitted to begin a development without due process of the existing NPPF which does not apply permitted development to oil and gas wells.*

#### **Question 6**

**Should a permitted development right for non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration development only apply for 2 years, or be made permanent?**

*It should not be granted at all*

#### **Question 7**

**Do you have any views the potential impact of the matters raised in this consultation on people with protected characteristics as defined in section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010?**

*This is really just an irrelevant question so you could just say NO.*

*You might want to mention that the content and questions in the document are written to be incredibly biased towards the government's intentions and failed to give any alternative to the proposals that would help to consider the concepts fully to give an intelligent or alternative response.*

*But you could make a case here that all members of all communities should be given the opportunity to reply to all consultations and be offered a variety of means of response and assistance to respond – like for example mailed letters for people who don't have access to computers. The time frame is not long enough to ensure all community members are reached and understand and can review the whole package! This is too important an issue to make consultation appear so meaningless.*

*Their previous consultation on the whole new draft of the NPPF was not broadly published. There were so few opposition responses to the minerals section (Less than a thousand across the nation) because it was sidelined and not properly promoted publicly.*

*They said*

*“ There was limited support for the inclusion in the Framework of policies for the exploration and extraction of oil, gas and unconventional hydrocarbons (which includes shale), with most responses objecting to potential shale development as a matter of principle.*

*However, shale gas, which plays a key role in ensuring energy security, is of national importance. The Government is committed to explore and develop our shale gas resources in a safe and sustainable way.”*