

Appendix

Matter : Unconventional Oil and Gas

Additional hearings 24 and 25 January 2019

Questions 16 and 17

Main Modifications

The modifications below are expressed either in the conventional form of ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions and underlining for additions of text.

The page numbers and paragraph numbering below refer to the submission local plan, and do not take account of the deletion or addition of text.

Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Main Modification
Q17	78	5.106	<p>Add new final sentence:</p> <p>More recently, in September 2015, a Ministerial Written Statement by Government indicated that there is a national need to explore and develop shale gas in a safe, sustainable and timely way. <u>A further Ministerial Statement on Energy Policy, published in May 2018, reaffirmed Government's view on the national importance of shale gas and their support for the principle of shale gas development, and signalled an intention that Government will work with industry to create the world's most environmentally robust onshore shale gas sector.</u></p>
Q17	86	5.124	<p>Insert new text:</p> <p>An additional consideration is that the new Regulations and surface restrictions will only apply to high-volume hydraulic fracturing<u>associated hydraulic fracturing</u>". <u>The Authorities have taken into account the WMS of May 2018 and recognise this statutory definition, and have paid due regard to Planning Practice Guidance. It is considered that whereas the definition in the Regulations applies to high volume hydraulic fracturing as defined, in terms of land use and the potential for impacts on the environment, local amenity and other relevant planning matters, impacts could occur at lower levels of activity. It is not</u></p>

Ref	Page	Policy/ Paragraph	Main Modification
			<p>therefore considered appropriate to distinguish in the Policy between high-volume hydraulic fracturing and fracking involving lower volumes of fracture fluid. <u>This approach is reflected in the broader definition of hydraulic fracturing contained in paragraph 5.119 f) of the Plan. The definition of hydraulic fracturing used in the Plan is related to the PPG definition in that it does not rely on a minimum volumetric threshold. Similarly, it is considered that where hydraulic fracturing</u></p>