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YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

8 August 2018

Dear Clerk,

**GOVERNMENT SHALE GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANNING  
CONSULTATIONS**

We have become aware of two consultations that are taking place which some of our members may wish to respond to.

We are informed that the Government has expressed the intention (link 1 below) to make exploratory shale gas well pads a Permitted Development Right (typically used hitherto for minor home extensions and temporary small construction) thus obviating the requirement for planning permission and (link 2 below) to bring shale gas production into the National Strategic Infrastructure Project regime, so removing planning applications from local control at county level to a central government departmental inspectorate, leading to the compulsory acquisition of land.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-seek-views-on-shale-planning-reforms>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/inclusion-of-shale-gas-production-projects-in-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-nsip-regime>

The deadline for responses is 25 October 2018.