



Place Directorate
Economic Regeneration
David Shepherd, Service Director

[Name Redacted]

My Ref: EIR12205
Your Ref:
Date: 28 July 2016
Enquiries to: [Redacted]
Direct Dial: [Redacted]
E-Mail: Informationrequests@Barnsley.gov.uk

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Dear [Redacted],

Re: Request for Information – Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I wish to confirm that the Place Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 23 July 2016.

Your questions and my findings in blue font are below:-

Please could you supply the following information:

Any unpublished correspondence relating to unconventional Oil and Gas exploration and extraction including emails, reports, meeting minutes, letters, or any other information covering communications, Ineos Group and the UK onshore Oil & Gas (UKOOG) Cuadrilla, IGAS or their representatives, and senior executives, Cllr's or officials between Feb 01 2016 and present day.

Please note we would deem unconventional oil and gas to include Shale gas (also known as Hydraulic fracturing or Fracking), Cold bed Methane (CBM) and underground coal gasification (UCG).

A meeting took place on 16 December 2015 between Cuadrilla and BMBC offices at Cuadrilla's request. The meeting request was made by Cuadrilla following the government's publication of license blocks for oil and shale gas exploration. BMBC was identified in two of the licensed blocks within the Boland basin. Cuadrilla asked to meet with BMBC given their interest in the government licence. The meeting was concerned with a brief introduction of Cuadrilla to the Council and a discussion on the license process.

Please find attached to the covering email, three email attachments between Lexington Communications, who are agents for Cuadrilla and the Council. The emails have been redacted under Regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, to protect the identity of third party individuals. These discussions/meetings are very much in the infancy stages, as shown by the content and dates of the emails.

I give below the weblink to information published on our website which may be helpful to you:-

<https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/planning/local-plans/local-plan-publication-consultation-2016>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact [Redacted] on [Redacted]. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Customer Services
C/O Corporate Mail Room
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
[E-mail:online@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:online@barnsley.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Website address: <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely



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Service Director

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