

Our ref: 12/1439

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 12/1439

Your e-mail of 11 October made the following request:

"Please could I make a request for information under the freedom of information act. This repeats a previous request made from a different email account which I have not yet received an acknowledgment for. It may not have been sent. Please regard this if you have received it.

Please could you give me a list of applications to test for/explore/carry out other research activity into the existence of methane and shale gas by parliamentary constituency since 2008. This should include applications for licenses to carry out 'fracking'. If possible could you please give me the exact location the application would cover and, if available, any maps."

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as set out in the EIRs.

Petroleum licences are not specific to shale gas and do not give permission for operations, but grant exclusivity to licensees in relation to petroleum exploration, appraisal and exploration within a particular licence area. Further consents from DECC are required for any drilling operation, or for production. We have taken your request to mean any applications received by DECC for gas exploration drilling consent since 2008. The list below indicates those drilling consent applications which have been received and the region in which the well sites are located. We do not have readily available relevant maps or a breakdown by constituency.

The following wells have been drilled since 2008 into prospective horizons for shale gas (Anna's road has not yet encountered the target Bowland Shale).

Well Name	Company	Location
PREESE HALL 1	CUADRILLA	LANCASHIRE
GRANGE HILL 1	CUADRILLA	LANCASHIRE
BECCONSALL 1	CUADRILLA	LANCASHIRE
BANWEN 1	UK METHANE	BRIDGEND
ST JOHNS 1	UK METHANE	BRIDGEND
INCE MARSHES 1	IGAS	CESHIRE
ANNA'S ROAD 1	CUADRILLA	LANCASHIRE

The following wells have been drilled into prospective horizons for other methane since 2008. (Note Banwen 1, St Johns 1 and Ince Marshes 1 listed again because they had other methane targets in addition to shale gas).

Well Name	Company	Location
GEDLING 2	ALKANE ENERGY UK LIMITED	NOTTS
INCE MARSHES 1	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	CESHIRE
BECCONSALL 1Z	CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED	LANCS
DOE GREEN 4	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
DOE GREEN 3S	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
DOE GREEN 3T	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
AIRTH 12	DART ENERGY (EUROPE) LIMITED	CLACKMANN
DOE GREEN 3U	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
BANWEN 1	U.K. METHANE LIMITED	BRIDGEND
DOE GREEN 3V	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
DOE GREEN 3W	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
ST JOHNS 1	U.K. METHANE LIMITED	BRIDGEND
DOE GREEN 3X	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
BECCONSALL 1	CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED	LANCS
WIGGINTON 1	GREENPARK ENERGY LIMITED	YORKS
DOE GREEN 3Y	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
DOE GREEN 3Z	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
LLANGEINOR 2	COASTAL OIL AND GAS LIMITED	BRIDGEND
LESTERS LANE 1	GREENPARK ENERGY LIMITED	CESHIRE
DOE GREEN 3	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	WARRINGTON
GEDLING 1	ALKANE ENERGY UK LIMITED	NOTTS
CLIPSTONE 1	ALKANE ENERGY UK LIMITED	NOTTS
GRANGE HILL 1Z	CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED	LANCS
KIRBY MISPERTON 6	VIKING UK GAS LIMITED	N YORKS
GRANGE HILL 1	CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED	LANCS
MISTERTON 1	GREENPARK ENERGY LIMITED	NOTTS
EVERTON 2	GREENPARK ENERGY LIMITED	NOTTS
SNYDALE 1	ALKANE ENERGY UK LIMITED	YORKS
GOLBORNE 1	ALKANE ENERGY UK LIMITED	LANCS
PREESE HALL 1	CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED	LANCS
KEELE PARK 1Y	NEXEN EXPLORATION U.K. LTD	STAFFS

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REMPSTONE 5	STAR ENERGY OIL UK LIMITED	NOTTS
KIRKLINGTON 3Z	EGDON RESOURCES U.K. LIMITED	NOTTS
KIRKLINGTON 3	EGDON RESOURCES U.K. LIMITED	NOTTS
PONTARDAWE 1	COMPOSITE	M GLAM
ALBURY 2Z	STAR ENERGY WEALD BASIN LTD	SURREY
CASTLETOWN 1	COMPOSITE	CHESHIRE
SWINEFLEET 1	COMPOSITE	YORKS
BROXHOLME 1	COMPOSITE	LINCS
ALBURY 2	STAR	SURREY
FLORENCE 1	GREENPARK	STAFFS
MELBOURNE 1	COMPOSITE	YORKS
KIRBY MISPERTON 5	VIKING	N YORKS
ALTHORPE 1	COMPOSITE	LINCS
NEWPORT 1	COMPOSITE	HUMBS
SHIREBROOK 1	ALKANE	DERBY
KING'S MILL HOSPITAL 1	ALKANE	NOTTS
LUDDINGTON 1	COMPOSITE	LINCS
ENGLISHTOWN 1Z	GREENPARK	CUMBRIA
PICKERING 2	VIKING	N YORKS
ENGLISHTOWN 1	GREENPARK	CUMBRIA
BILSTHORPE 1	ALKANE	NOTTS
STOCKBRIDGE 22	STAR	HANTS
BRUNTON'S HILL FARM 1	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
LEVEN 1	COMPOSITE	LOTHIAN
NEWMARKET LANE 1	ALKANE	YORKS
EBBERSTON SOUTH 1	MOORLAND	N YORKS
CANONBIE 5Z	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
CANONBIE 5	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
THORNTON 1	COMPOSITE	FIFE
FRADLEY 1	NEXEN	STAFFS
CANONBIE 4Z	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
HUMBLY GROVE A15	STAR	HANTS
WOOD FARM 1	GREENPARK	N YORKS
CANONBIE 4	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
CANONBIE 3Z	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
CANONBIE 3	GREENPARK	DUMPHRIES & GALLOWAY
HUMBLY GROVE A14	STAR	HANTS
WYNDHAM MINE VENT 1	ALKANE	M GLAM
PENCOED 1	COASTAL	M GLAM
BLETCHINGLEY 6	STAR ENERGY OIL & GAS LIMITED	SURREY
AIRTH 11X	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
SALTFLEETBY 8X	WINGAS	LINCS
AIRTH 11Y	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
AIRTH 11Z	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
FOXHILL FARM 1	NEXEN	LANCS
SALTFLEETBY 8Y	WINGAS	LINCS
BLETCHINGLEY 5	STAR ENERGY OIL & GAS LIMITED	SURREY
AIRTH 10W	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
AIRTH 10X	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
AIRTH 10Y	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
AIRTH 10Z	COMPOSITE	CLACKMANN
DOE GREEN 2Y	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	MERSEYSIDE
SALTFLEETBY 8Z	WINGAS	LINCS

DECC has issued consent to drill the following wells for methane but drilling has not yet started.

Well Name	Company	Location
Airth 13	DART ENERGY (EUROPE) LIMITED	CLACKMANN
Airth 14	DART ENERGY (EUROPE) LIMITED	CLACKMANN
Ellesmere Port	IGAS EXPLORATION UK LIMITED	CHESHIRE

The only well in which fracking for shale gas has been performed is Preese Hall (Cuadrilla).

Appeals procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to request an internal review please contact the department. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. 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. Contact details: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Energy Development Unit