

Annex A – Information Released under FOI 2015/16644

6 May 2015

Subject	Defra rural impacts report
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	EDU - OUGO
Sent	06 May 2015 10:51

All,

For information, REDACTED just mentioned that the Information Commissioner's office is expected to rule on the release (or not) of this report later this week or soon after. Watch this space...

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5 June 2015

Subject	RE: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	REDACTED (Energy Development)
Cc	REDACTED
Sent	05 June 2015 07:47
Attachments	REDACTED

REDACTED,

Thanks for your work on this request. Some minor amendments attached, otherwise happy to clear, Emily

From: REDACTED (Energy Development)

Sent: 03 June 2015 19:06

To: Bourne Emily (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTED (Energy Development)

Subject: FW: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June

Importance: High

Emily

Please find attached draft response to FOI 2015-08510 for your comments and clearance. This requester is asking to release Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impact Report. I checked with DEFRA if the position has changed and they confirmed that they were still waiting for ICO's response (see attached e-mail). Please see attached e-mail from DEFRA. I have therefore used previously agreed lines from a similar request. **REDACTED** is content.

I'd be grateful if you could clear this for me by Friday 5 June. **REDACTED**.

The statutory deadline for issuing this case is 10 June.

Thanks

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8 June 2015

Subject	FW: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	REDACTED
Sent	08 June 2015 08:40

REDACTED, to see below from **REDACTED** re the Defra rural impacts report. Can you make sure that once the ICO response is received we send a short email up to Ministers?

Thanks,
Emily

From: **REDACTED** (Energy Development)
Sent: 05 June 2015 17:08
To: Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
Subject: FW: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June

Emily

Please note e-mail below.

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From: PS Andrea Leadsom
Sent: 05 June 2015 17:03
To: **REDACTED** (Energy Development); **REDACTED** (Communications); **REDACTED** (Communications); SoS Rudd; PS SOS SPADS; Perm Sec (DECC)
Cc: **REDACTED** (**REDACTED**@bis.gsi.gov.uk)
Subject: RE: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June

Content this does not require Ministerial clearance.

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Thanks, **REDACTED**

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From: **REDACTED** (Energy Development)
Sent: 05 June 2015 11:50
To: **REDACTED** (Communications); **REDACTED** (Communications); SoS Rudd; PS SOS SPADS; PS Andrea Leadsom; Perm Sec (DECC)
Cc: **REDACTED** (**REDACTED**@bis.gsi.gov.uk); **REDACTED** (Energy Development)
Subject: FW: FOI/EIR Request ref FOI2015/08510 - Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report - RETURN DRAFT BY 3rd June
Importance: High

Dear All

Please find attached draft response to FOI 2015/08510 for your clearance. The request is from **REDACTED** a member of public asking as:

To release full copy of the Shale Gas: Rural Economy Impacts Report.

This is DEFRA's report. DEFRA are currently undergoing ICO appeal process. I checked with DEFRA if the position has changed and they confirmed that they were still waiting for ICO's response (see attached e-mail from DEFRA). I have therefore used previously agreed lines from a similar request.

I'd be grateful if you could please confirm by c.o.p. Monday 8 June 12:00 noon that you're content for us to issue this case. The statutory deadline for responding this case is Monday 8 June too.

With thanks

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9 June 2015

Subject	FW: Shale gas & rural economy paper
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	EDU - OUGO
Sent	09 June 2015 17:57

Dear All

Please see ICO's decision to Shale Gas & Rural Economy Report.

Thanks

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From: REDACTED (Defra) [mailto:REDACTED@DEFRA.GSI.GOV.UK]

Sent: 09 June 2015 17:50

To: REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTED (Defra)

Subject: Shale gas & rural economy paper

Importance: High

REDACTED et al,

To be aware that today we have received the ICO Decision Notice. The ICO has found against us. We have been informed by our Info Rights team that if the ICO follows their usual practice, the Decision Notice will be published on their website on Thursday next week (18 June). However, the requester should have received the

Notice at the same time as us and there's nothing to stop him publishing it. Our press office will be in touch with yours.

We have now 35 days to decide whether to appeal or release a full copy of the report.

We'll keep you posted.

Regards,

REDACTED

Water Quality - Shale Gas Policy

Defra

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16 June 2015

Subject	FW: Forecast re Rural Impacts
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	REDACTED (Energy Development)
Sent	16 June 2015 10:26

REDACTED, as just mentioned,
Emily

From: Bourne Emily (Energy Development)

Sent: 16 June 2015 08:52

To: REDACTED (Communications); REDACTED (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Communications)

Subject: RE: Forecast re Rural Impacts

REDACTED, thanks for this – amends from me below – have deleted some text and highlighted additions in red. I would be surprised if HMT have not been informed but I will make sure they know about this.

REDACTED

Best wishes,

Emily

Subject	FW: Forecast re Rural Impacts
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	REDACTED (Energy Development)
Sent	16 June 2015 17:14

From: Bourne Emily (Energy Development)

Sent: 16 June 2015 16:11

To: SPADS Rudd; REDACTED (Communications); PS Andrea Leadsom; REDACTED (Energy Development)

Cc REDACTED (Communications); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development); SoS Rudd
Subject: RE: Forecast re Rural Impacts

For info,

I have just discussed with the G5 at Defra. The Thursday publication is the ICO's and will say only that they have ruled to release, however this will attract media interest. REDACTED.

Emily

Sent from my Windows Phone

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19 June 2015

Subject	RE: PMQs Blackpool Shale [OFFICIAL]
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	REDACTED (Energy Development)
Cc	REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development)
Sent	19 June 2015 13:16

Thanks REDACTED, as discussed I think we only need background on rural impact report.
Emily

From: REDACTED (Energy Development)
Sent: 19 June 2015 13:04
To: Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
Cc: REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Energy Development)
Subject: FW: PMQs Blackpool Shale [OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

Emily,

Grateful if you could clear the below email to Number 10. The lines are either from the original commissioning email or standard lines – my inclusions in red. I have added REDACTED's section about the Defra Rural impacts report. REDACTED

We will most likely need to update the lines on Wednesday 24 June, in time for PMQs.

Thanks,

REDACTED

BACKGROUND

- On Monday 15 June 2015, planning officers in Lancashire published their recommendations on applications by Cuadrilla to explore for shale gas at 2 sites (Preston New Road and Roseacre Wood)
- Whilst the application for Preston New Road was recommended for approval subject to a number of conditions, the application for Roseacre Wood was recommended for refusal on traffic grounds
- The applications relating to the Preston New Road site are scheduled to be decided at Lancashire County Council Committee meetings taking place on Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June. The applications relating to the Roseacre Wood site are scheduled to be decided at meetings taking place on Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June
- Following an appeal by campaigners, the Information Commissioner ordered the Government to publish the Defra Rural Impacts report in full on 18 June, saying there was "a strong public interest" in the Government's policy on fracking and research on it. Defra have 35 days in which to publish it or be deemed in contempt of court but could also lodge an appeal within 28 days.

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20 June 2015

Subject	FW: Lancashire Shale Planning Decisions 24/6/15 update
From	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
To	EDU - OUGO
Sent	24 June 2015 18:22

All for info

From: PS Andrea Leadsom

Sent: 24 June 2015 18:10

To: REDACTED (Communications)

Cc: Fox Penny (Communications); REDACTED (Communications); DECC Ministers - SpAds & Perm Sec; REDACTED (Communications); Bourne Emily (Energy Development)

Subject: FW: Lancashire Shale Planning Decisions 24/6/15 update

REDACTED,

As discussed, I've had a message passed to me that Liz Truss' office have apparently confirmed that the DEFRA Rural Impacts Report will be published on 1st July (and No.10 have agreed with this).

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Cheers,

REDACTED



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30 June 2015

Subject	RE: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE: Defra Rural Economy Impacts paper
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	Bourne Emily (Energy Development); REDACTED
Sent	30 June 2015 12:17
Attachments	<i>Publicly available (see letter)</i>

Sorry now the paper itself with redacted sections highlighted

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From: REDACTED (Energy Development)

Sent: 30 June 2015 12:13

To: Bourne Emily (Energy Development); REDACTED

Cc: REDACTED (Communications)

Subject: FW: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE: Defra Rural Economy Impacts paper

Hi Emily and REDACTED

As discussed, Defra confirmed the Rural Impacts Report will be published tomorrow afternoon (timing tbc).

Defra sent through a draft Q&A which we took a quick look at, updating and adding with our core script lines. They will draw up the statement based on the wording on the 1st page.

Thanks

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From: PS Andrea Leadsom

Sent: 30 June 2015 14:23

To: REDACTED (Communications); PS Lord Bourne; SoS Rudd; SPADS Rudd
Cc: REDACTED (Communications); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Communications); Bourne Emily (Energy Development); Speed Stephen (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Defra rural impacts report to be published tomorrow

Hi,

Thanks for updating us. I'm copying in Emily and Stephen.

Do you know when we expect the handling plan to come through and what sort of involvement are you anticipating?

Thanks, REDACTED

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From: REDACTED (Communications)
Sent: 30 June 2015 14:21
To: PS Andrea Leadsom; PS Lord Bourne; SoS Rudd; SPADS Rudd
Cc: REDACTED (Communications); REDACTED (Energy Development); REDACTED (Communications)
Subject: Defra rural impacts report to be published tomorrow

Hi all

Just to note if you have not been informed already that the Defra Rural Impacts Report will be published fully unredacted tomorrow

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Please let me know of any further questions.

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1 July 2015

Subject	Defra Rural Impacts Report (Official: sensitive)
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	Bourne Emily (Energy Development); REDACTED (Communications); REDACTED (Energy Development)
Sent	01 July 2015 11:38
Attachments	Publicly available (see letter)

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OFFICIAL:SENSITIVE

Dear all

To see attached the version of the Defra report + cover statement, and Defra's media lines (we input into the more detailed lines at the end, although we'll try to not get drawn into specifics).

The report is being published today at 4.15pm on the Gov.uk website

Thanks

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Subject	Defra Rural Impacts Report
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	SoS Rudd
Cc	Bourne Emily (Energy Development)
Sent	01 July 2015 15:54
Attachments	<i>Publicly available (see letter)</i>

Hi REDACTED

Emily said you asked for a version showing what was redacted before – here it is. The highlighted bits were redacted – not sure what yellow vs green means though...

Best wishes

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Subject	Defra Rural Impacts Report
From	REDACTED (Energy Development)
To	EDU - OUGO; REDACTED (International Energy EU and Resilience)
Sent	01 July 2015 16:58

Dear all

This is now published on the Gov.uk website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-shale-gas-rural-economy-impacts-paper>

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