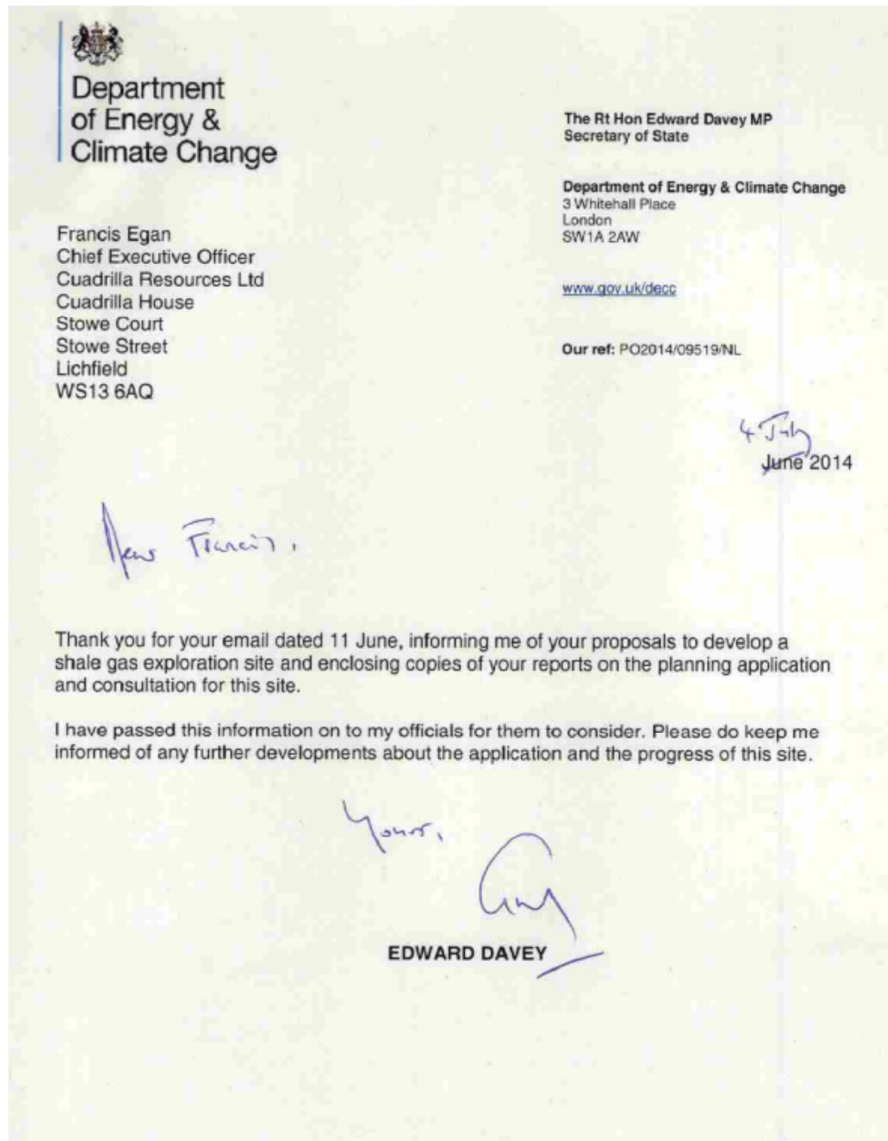


ANNEX A

Information held by the Department in terms of FOI/EIR request 2015/05770 for Cuadrilla

- Letter from 4 July 2014



- E-Mail from 11 June 2014

From: Francis Egan REDACTED

Sent: 11 June 2014 09:17

To: DAVEY, Edward

Subject: Planning documents for proposed shale gas exploration site published

I wanted to update you on our proposals to develop a shale gas exploration site at Preston New Road. On 29th May 2014, we submitted planning applications for the exploration site and for a series of associated monitoring

stations. These applications have now been formally accepted and validated by Lancashire County Council (LCC).

The Council will now undertake its own consultation on the applications and in due course make a decision. If planning permission is granted it is proposed that we will drill, hydraulically fracture and test the flow of gas from up to four exploration wells at the site. We are also proposing to install a network of monitoring stations within a 4km radius of the site, which would be used to monitor seismicity before, during and after operations. It is anticipated that Lancashire County Council will make a decision on the applications within a 16 week determination period.

Accompanying the applications is an Environmental Statement that details the findings of an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment of the sites, which was carried out by experts at Arup, an independent consultancy. This is probably the most comprehensive Environmental Statement ever completed for a proposed shale gas exploration site. It contains 21 chapters looking at a wide range of issues including air quality, lighting, noise, transport, water and visual impact.

The applications also include the changes we have made to our proposals as a result of the views we have heard during our extensive four months of consultation with local residents.

Details of the site application and the Environmental Statement can be viewed at www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister (application number: LCC/2014/0096) or on our website at www.cuadrillaresources.com/our-sites/locations/preston-new-road. The application for monitoring works is also available on both these websites (Application number: LCC/2014/0097).

Arup has also prepared an Environmental Risk Assessment for the site which is the first one to be completed for an onshore gas exploration project in the UK under guidance from the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

Please find attached a copy of the Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Statement along with a brochure which contains a summary of the planning applications, and details of our responses to the views expressed by local stakeholders.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
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