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Director of Planning
North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage
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Our Ref: 19819/A3/PF/SO
11 July 2013

Dear Chris,

EBBERSTON MOOR EARLY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, EBBERSTON MOOR WELLSITE AND LOCKTON COMPOUND, EBBERSTON COMMON LANE, SNAINTON, SCARBOROUGH

On behalf of our client, Viking UK Gas Limited, we seek temporary planning permission for the Eberston Moor Early Development Scheme at the above site. The proposed development is described as follows:

“Natural gas production from the existing Eberston Moor-1 wellsite; construction of a gas conditioning facility, metering facilities, flare and storage tanks,; construction of administration building and erection of gas engine and associated plant and machinery; connection to the existing LTZ pipeline; construction of loading, unloading and hardstanding areas; creation of two new accesses off Eberston Common Lane; and new landscaping and means of enclosure.”

A planning application has been submitted via the Planning Portal (reference no PP-02677258).

We enclose the following documents in electronic form on the enclosed CD:

1. Planning Application Form
2. Environmental Statement
3. Environmental Statement Appendices
4. Non Technical Summary
5. Planning and Sustainability Statement
6. Design and Access Statement
7. Statement of Community Involvement
8. Schedule of Applications Plans and Drawings
9. Application Plans and Drawings
10. Outline Safety Report

A payment of £4,290 to cover the planning fee, will be made by BACS. We confirm that notices have been served on the relevant landowners.

John Dewar and the team wish to pass on their thanks to both yourself and to Mark Hill for attending the meeting at the Ox Pasture Hall Country House Hotel on Monday 8th July. We welcomed the opportunity to present the outline of the proposed development to you and Mark.

We appreciate the informal comments that you were able to give which we fully understand are without prejudice. We have considered and responded to the key points that you raised in the planning documentation which supports the planning application. However, for ease of reference, we summarise these below.

1. Viking UK Gas can confirm that the proposed development seek planning permission for the exploitation of conventional gas resources only and does not involve any activities targeting shale gas.
2. Both maximum peak traffic flows and average traffic movements during the construction and operation phases of the development are given in the Traffic chapter of the Environmental Statement.
3. The submitted documentation will be placed on the Company website (www.third-energy.com). As requested, we will provide one hard copy of the submitted documentation.
4. The planning application seeks temporary planning permission to enable gas to be produced and conditioned on site for up to 5 years. All reasonable endeavours have been made to reduce carbon emissions on site. The proposed gas conditioning facility building is temporary in nature and has been designed to reflect the advice in the Park Authority's Design Guide about Agricultural Buildings. It will be removed at the end of or before the end of any planning permission.
5. The mapped extent of the Ebberston Moor gas reservoir (based on interpretation of 3D seismic acquired in 2012) overlaps with the area of interest specified by York Potash for poly halite mining operations. Viking UK Gas continues to engage in technical discussions with York Potash to share geoscience knowledge of the respective areas of interest. York Potash are aware of the overlap between their area of interest and the proposed Ebberston Moor gas field determined area. In the interests of Health and Safety, it would be inadvisable to mine a potential mineral resource (such as polhalite/potash) in close proximity to a known hydrocarbon accumulation (e.g. the Ebberston Moor KAF gas reservoir) whether or not the hydrocarbon accumulation had been exploited.

We trust the application is self-explanatory but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL FOSTER

Director

cc John Dewar
Rasik Valand