

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
North York Moors National Park Authority**

**Notice of Decision of Planning Authority on Application for
Permission to Carry out Development**

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The above named Authority being the Planning Authority for the purposes of your application registered 11 November 2011, in respect of proposed development for the purposes of **variation of condition 1 of planning approval NYM/2008/0675/FL to allow the retention of the existing well site for a further three years at Ebberston Moor 1 Well Head, Ebberston Common Lane, Snainton** has considered your said application and has **granted permission** for the proposed development subject to the following condition(s):

1. The consent hereby granted is valid only for three years from the date of this permission and the well head and all hardcore and equipment shall be removed from the site before this consent expires and the site restored to its former condition before that date.
2. The consent hereby granted relates solely to the retention of the application site as specified on the approved plan. There shall be no machinery, equipment or vehicles stored on the site and no further drilling operations or testing operations shall take place on the site without a further grant of planning consent from the National Park Authority.

Informative(s)

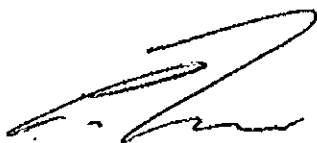
The integrity and security of the well head and well should be adequate to ensure the protection of groundwater at this location throughout the extended lifetime of the well. It remains the responsibility of the drilling operator to ensure that the operation meets the standards of the relevant environmental legislation, and that the operation does not cause pollution of the groundwater resource, local surface waters or coastal waters.

Decommissioning of the borehole should be undertaken following our guidelines in "decommissioning Redundant Boreholes and Well" available from our publications catalogue for free on the Environment Agencies website: http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/?lang=_e

Reason(s) for Condition(s)

1. The Local Planning Authority does not consider that permanent retention of the gas well site is justified by the circumstances outlined in the application.
2. To avoid doubt and comply with Core Policy E of the NYM Local Development Framework

Continued/Development Plan Policies



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Director of Planning

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Date: 09 JAN 2012

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Continuation of Decision No. NYM/2011/0761/FL

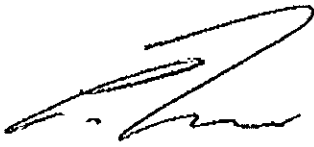
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Development Plan Policies Relevant to the Decision

Local Development Framework CPE – Minerals

Reason for Approval

The site is well screened and is part of a strategy for exploration of hydro-carbons. Its retention will not unduly harm the character of the National Park and the proposal complies with Core Policy E of the NYM Local Development Framework.



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