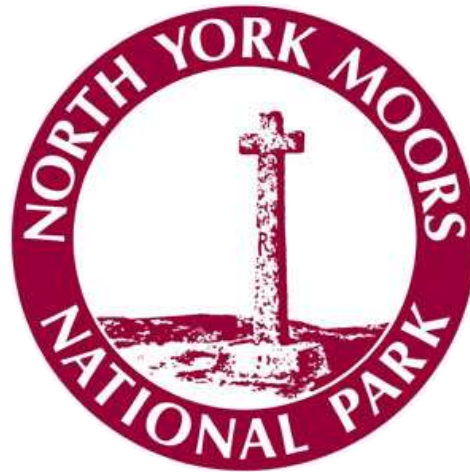


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Examining why current exploration planning applications have been refused and tips for overcoming the hurdles going forward

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Outlining how the many planning applications received by Councils are dealt with.

- Does the MPA offer pre-application advice (PPA's) and/or pre-application presentations to Members ?
- Planning Administration review national list & local list requirement.
- EIA check & reg 22 request issued if omissions.
- Public notices & Consultations with Statutory bodies & public.
- Case officer allocated & may seek S63 information request for extra info within 28 days.
- PPA consideration, public meetings / Members site visit considered.
- Statutory bodies liaison, consider whether consultants need to be engaged.
- Case conference with senior planner to construct basis of recommendation.
- Committee day & public speaking.



Reviewing the key reasons why current unconventional gas planning applications have been refused.

Roseacre Wood - The proposed development would be contrary to Policy DM2 of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Site Allocation and Development Management Policies in that it would generate an increase in traffic, particularly HGV movements, that would result in an **unacceptable impact** on the rural highway network and on existing road users, **particularly vulnerable road users and a reduction in overall highway safety** that would be severe.

Preston New Road - 1) The development would cause an **unacceptable adverse impact** on the landscape, arising from the drilling equipment, noise mitigation equipment, storage plant, flare stacks and other associated development. The combined effect would result in an adverse **urbanising effect** on the open and rural character of the landscape and visual amenity of local residents contrary to policies DM2 Lancashire Waste and Minerals Plan and Policy EP11 Fylde Local Plan.

2) The development would cause an **unacceptable noise** impact resulting in a detrimental impact on the **amenity of local residents** which could not be adequately controlled by condition contrary to policies DM2 Lancashire Waste and Minerals Plan and Policy EP27 Fylde Local Plan.



Identifying the information that would be required in a planning application to improve its chances of being accepted.

- EIA should mean most areas covered.
- Details of pre-application community engagement.
- Details of community benefits.
- Any buffers employed in site selection.
- Good baseline information environmental & health (one year minimum & recent).
- Offer of S106 monies to meet; 1) extraordinary costs e.g. monitoring or specialist consultant if down to a single issue and 2) residual environmental impacts (PCA s38 (6)).



Top tips for providing a robust evidence base to demonstrate effective risk assessment in unconventional gas planning applications.

- Maintain Industry commitment to provision of an ES for EIA development.
- Obtain Environmental Permits in advance
- Provide a Planning Statement including overview of mitigation covered by other 3 regulatory regimes:
 - Risk assessment for fugitive emissions,
 - Public access to live data from monitoring,
 - Long term borehole integrity,
 - Disaster recovery plans.

