

County Council

19 October 2018

Item No. 7(c) - Notice of Motion by Ms Lord on consultations on permitted development rights for shale gas exploration and defining proposals for major shale gas production as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Amendment by Mrs Duncton

This Council notes that, in May this year, Ministers outlined a proposal in a Written Ministerial Statement to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as permitted development and to redefine large scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which would mean central government would determine planning applications rather than local authorities.

This Council believes that the wishes of local communities should be considered in decisions on shale gas and other oil and gas exploration and production, and that these decisions are best determined by local Mineral Planning Authorities through the planning process.

This Council resolves to **support the proposed draft responses, as published on 10 October 2018 in the Members' Information Service newsletter**, ~~ask the Cabinet Member for Environment respond to the Government's consultation that applications for shale gas exploration, and for other oil and gas exploration, should not become permitted development and that they, along with planning applications for shale gas production, should be determined by local planning authorities in accordance with planning law and guidance, and~~ **to** also ~~to~~ share this response with West Sussex MPs and relevant government ministers **making it clear that we will oppose attempts by the Government to dilute local democracy.**