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Subject: RE: Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum Submission on the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Issues and Options consultation



<http://www.tssneighbourhoodplan.org>

To: Rt Hon Greg Clark

Principal Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum (Ashfield District, Nottinghamshire) as Vice-Chair of the Managing Committee and Coordinator of the Hydrocarbons and Minerals Sub-group, I would like to thank you very much for your recent firm and positive action requiring companies wishing to undertake hydraulic fracturing to undergo financial health checks if they want to win a green light for their operations. This is a highly responsible requirement and should be rigorously enforced.

We also support your position concerning planned activities at Kirby Misperton in North Yorkshire that no decision would be made until Third Energy submitted overdue accounts and the Treasury had assessed its financial resilience, ***including the firm's ability to clean up the site afterwards.*** It is essential to ensure, as much as is humanly possible, that full responsibility for financial obligations/commitments is at the top of the agenda.

We have recently made a detailed submission on hydraulic fracturing in response to the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Issues and Options consultation. In that, we made clear that we in Ashfield believe there is sufficient evidence to support a ban or moratorium on fracking here, as in Scotland and Wales. To be honest, the people of our area (who are pragmatic and level headed) find it *hard to be convinced of the Government's commitment to the environment* when it continues to support shale gas exploitation, something overwhelmingly opposed by the public at large.

We nevertheless support your actions in ***at least requiring responsible behaviour from the fracking companies and their backers.***

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Jenkins.