Proposed Shale Gas Exploration Wells Bowland Basin, Lancashire Cuadrilla Resources

Case Study: Environmental Assessments

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- Arup / Cuadrilla Resources
- Proposed Projects
- Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA)
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Planning Applications, Consultation & Determination
- Permit Applications, Consultation, Granting
- Questions





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- Over 3,000 gas & oil wells worldwide. "Model company" for UK unconventional exploration.
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- 70 staff in UK. Main UK contracting partner - PR Marriott Drilling Ltd - over 60 years of UK drilling experience.
- Privately owned: Management, AJ Lucas and Riverstone LLC.

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Shale Gas Exploration

Now more than ever Britain needs more home-grown energy. Shale gas and oil represents a huge economic opportunity for local communities. UK investment could reach £33 billion between 2016 and 2032 or £3.7 billion a year and support around 60,000 jobs in the oil, gas, construction, engineering and chemicals sectors.

- 28 July 2014: Ministers opened bidding process for companies seeking licenses to explore for onshore oil and gas, to help discover how the gas under our feet can help power our homes.
- Applications for Licenses closed 28th October 2014.
- License Awards Early 2015?





BGS estimates 1,300 trillion cubic feet of shale gas in Bowland shale basin alone. Their upper estimate is almost twice that, 2,281 tcf. This would make it by far the biggest shale basin in the world. (10% of Bowland Shale = 130 tcf – or about 50 years of total UK consumption)



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⁸ DECC: Regulatory Process

- Planning application strategy including stakeholder and public consultation and post planning submission.
- Site Selection.
- Environmental Risk Assessments.
- Planning applications, Environmental Impact Assessments and other and studies required in support
- Negotiations required to obtain planning permissions
- Support through any legal challenges which may arise.



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- Overview of environmental & human health risks.
- ERA all shale gas projects with hydraulic fracturing. Early, before planning application. Involve stakeholders & local communities.
- Entire life cycle, including waste disposal, well abandonment, and induced seismicity.
- Inform other assessments (EIA), where required.
- Risk vs Impact vs Concern



Guidance on the preparation of an environmental risk assessment of shale gas operations in Great Britain involving the use of hydraulic fracturing



Risk	L	С	Risk
1: Gas escapes at, or above ground surface	Low	Low	Low
2: Uncontrolled release of gas and fluid from the well bore at surface during drilling operations ("Blowout")	V Low	Mod	Low
3: Contamination of groundwater from sub-surface sources	Low	Low	Low
4: Spillage of contaminants on site surface causes pollution	Low	Low	Low
5: Inadequate management of site waste treatment	V Low	Mod	Low
6: Spills in transit which pollute local environment	Low	Low	Low
7: Induced seismic event causes damage to local infrastructure	Low	Low	Low
8: Subsidence of ground related to gas extraction	NPP	NPP	NPP
9: Road traffic accidents involving site vehicles cause damage	Low	Low	Low
10: Water shortages or low pressure during hydraulic fracturing	V Low	Low	Low
11: Increased risk of flooding due to site operations	V Low	Mod	Low
12: Damaging archaeological artefacts or listed buildings	Low	Low	Low
13: Dust particles from proppants inhaled or released into air	V Low	Low	Low
14: Lack of long-term well integrity leads to contamination	Low	Low	Low
15: Radioactive emissions from borehole testing materials	V Low	Low	Low

Summary: Environmental Risk Analysis

Risk 14 Lack of long-term well integ	rity leads to contamination of groundwater due to migration of gas or contaminants post-abandonment
Source	Ground gases, residual drilling fluid and hydraulic fracturing fluid remaining in the well and the target
	formation, naturally occurring poor quality groundwater
Pathway	• Migration of gas or contaminants via the plugged and abandoned well due to loss of well integrity.
	Migration of contaminants via induced fractures to shallow groundwater
Receptor	Shallow groundwater and users of groundwater.
	Air quality
Project Phase	Well suspension and post well abandonment
Mitigation Measures embedded in the Project	The Preston New Road wells will be drilled, constructed and integrity tested in accordance with regulatory guidance (DECC, HSE and EA) and industry guidance (Oil and Gas UK and UKOOG), providing multiple barriers between the shallow groundwater and deep underlying hydrocarbon production zones.
	Wells will be plugged and abandoned in accordance with Oil & Gas UK guidelines, BSOR regulations and Environmental Permitting Regulations
	Groundwater, methane emissions and ground gas monitoring will be undertaken post abandonment and regulated by the EA through the environmental permit prior to its surrender.
	Cuadrilla will fully disclose the composition of the proposed fracturing fluid prior to use and will only use substances assessed and approved by the EA. As part of the site decommissioning process, aftercare operations and monitoring will be agreed with relevant regulatory stakeholders. The aftercare operations and monitoring will be performed in accordance with regulatory requirements at the time when site decommissioning is performed.
Likelihood	Low
Consequence	Low
Risk Score	Low
Justification for Risk Score	The well abandonment process is well established for both onshore and offshore, requiring notification to HSE and in accordance with HSE, industry and DECC well abandonment best practice. There is no post-abandonment pressure gradient to cause residual fracturing fluid to travel upwards from fractured zone at over >8,000feet depth to near surface. Natural geological barriers (e.g. Manchester Marl) are present.
Comments	Details of restoration of the site will be part of the planning application. The site will be restored to agriculture with aftercare period agreed with the landowner and planning authority.
	Further technical detail to be provided in the Environmental Statement which will present a detailed contamination risk assessment.

12 Environmental Risk Assessment: Example

- 3 Stage Process
 - Suitable Geology
 - Thickest shale in UK
 - Available geological data.
 - 3D geophysical survey avoid HF near regional faults.
 - HF in relatively flat lying, continuous thick sections of shale.
 - Tier 1 Constraints
 - European / national designations.
 - Nationally heritage assets.
 - Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1.
 - Flood Risk avoid risk zone 3b.
 - Tier 2 Constraints
 - Transport & Utilities connections.
 - Local Environmental Constraints
 - Planning Constraints Local planning policy.
 - Land Ownership Issues.



Alternative Sites Considered









14 Current Cuadrilla Shale Gas Exploration Applications



- 1st shale gas sites in UK subject to EIA. Detail greater than typical for temporary hydrocarbon exploration project. Future EIAs likely to be refined.
- EIA: Cuadrilla decision.
- EIA: Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011 No. 1824) (referred to as the 'EIA Regulations'), leading to preparation of Environmental Statement (ES).



Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process



Environmental Statement

- Application Areas:
 - Extent of surface works.
 - Plans show maximum extent of below ground area for which planning consent is required.
 - Final extent and direction of horizontal wells below ground not currently know until first vertical well is drilled and investigated – shown as a dotted arc on the application plans.











Surface Array (Traffic light system)

8 locations

Small plastic kiosk (1.1 m height)

Monitor induced seismicity

Buried Array

80 locations

100m below ground

Measure extent and rate of fracture propagation







Timeline for Exploration

Construction activities and Site Equipment

Indicative Site Layout Hydraulic Fracturing, Initial Flow Testing and Extended Flow Testing Example of plastic

membrane and surface water drainage ditch

Most equipment at drilling, fracturing and initial testing:

- 30m- 53m drilling unit
- containers for storage, offices and welfare
- cranes, cementing equipment, generators and materials
- Gas flare stack (approx 10m height)
- work-over rig (approx 15m height)
- Hydraulic fracturing pumps and tower (approx 25m)



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Multiple well configuration

- Air Quality
- Archaeology & Cultural Heritage
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Community & Socio-Economics
- Ecology
- Hydrogeology & Ground Gas
- Induced Seismicity
- Land Use
- Landscape & Visual Amenity
- Lighting
- Noise
- Resources & Waste
- Transport
- Water Resources
- Public Health
- Cumulative and in-combination effects



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²¹ Scoping: EIA Assessment Topics Agreed with LCC

- Location
- Geology
 - Geological prognosis (vertical).
 - Formation tops
- Well pad and access track
 - Construction and design parameters
 - Waste arisings
- Monitoring systems
 - Surface array / Buried array
 - Groundwater monitoring wells
- Well design
- Drilling
 - Drilling details
 - Drilling muds waste
- Hydraulic Fracturing
 - General parameters / waste water arisings
- Initial flow testing
 - General parameters / waste water arisings
- Extended flow testing
 - General parameters / waste water arisings
- Decommissioning and restoration
- Equipment and facilities specifications
- Other parameters
- Durations

22 Scheme Parameters

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Temporary Shale Gas Exploration Roseacre Wood, Lancashire

Environmental Statement Appendix B – Scheme Parameters

RW_ES_Vol2_Appndx B_Scheme Parameters June 2014





- Forecast Gas composition (Preese Hall analysis)
 - C1= 96.4% (methane)
 - C2 to C5= 1.6% (propane to pentane)
 - C6+ = <0.1% (other hydrocarbons)
 - N2 = 1.6%
 - CO2 = <1%
 - H2S=0



Indicative enclosed flare stack to be used in initial flow testing

²³ Air Quality Assessment

Baseline

- 10km radius around Site.
- Information: Defra / LA'S.

Assess pollutants from:

- Construction, operations, equipment and traffic;
- Flaring including NOx, benzene and NORM.
- Fugitive emissions.

Principal findings

- Main emissions during IFT when natural gas is burned in the flare.
- Enclosed flares: not venting from tanks or lagoons.
- Significantly below air quality limits in UK/EU.
- Reuse of flowback within hydraulic fracturing fluid to reduce HGV movements

There would be potential for effects on air quality associated with vehicle emissions from plant and equipment and flare emissions.



The ES concluded that the Project will **not result in a significant effect** on air quality.

- No World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Registered Parks, Gardens or Battlefields, Listed Buildings or Conservation Areas. No archaeological finds.
- Potential on archaeology construction of well pad, access track & gas connection. Mitigate by recording evidence of the track and field systems during excavation.
- No indirect visual impacts on more distant heritage assets.
- No combined impact.

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Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas in 5km Search Area

		Direct emissions				Indirect or embedded emissions						
		Logi	stics		Site emissions		Well-to-		Water		Wa	ste
		Transportati on	Staff travel	On-site machinery	Flaring	Fugitive emissions	tank (WTT) of fossil fuel	Materials	Process	Welfare	Waste water	Solid waste
		Transportati on of materials, machinery and waste to and from site.	Staff and visitors travelling to and from site.	Such as diesel engines used for drilling, hydraulic fracturing and on-site electricity generation.	The flaring of natural gas including methane emissions resulting from incomplete combustion	Unintention al releases of gas.	Emissions associated with the production of fuel (petrol / diesel) that is used on the Project.	The production of materials used in the Project, including granular fill, drilling mud, cement, steel casing, sand and chemicals.	Water used in the Project, supplied through mains water system.	Water used for on-site welfare, supplied through mains water system.	The treatment of waste water resulting from the Project.	The treatment of solid waste including inert, non- hazardous and hazardous waste.
	Construction	V	√	~			√	~		**	**	\checkmark
	Drilling	✓	~	~			~	~	4	~	×	\checkmark
	Hydraulic fracturing	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	\checkmark
On-site	Initial flow testing	~	✓	~	✓	~	✓			~	✓	✓
	Extended flow testing	~	~	✓	*	√	~			**	**	~
	Decommissioning and restoration	~	~	√			~			**	**	✓
Off-site	Installation of surface network & buried array	V	V	V						**	**	v

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²⁶ Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Emissions Sources Matrix

Percentage GHG emissions by source for the entire Project

GHG emissions by Project stage

- No significance methodology. Compared to UK national GHG emissions.
- 73% from flare. Total -118,419 to 124,369 tCO₂e.
 0.002% of UK Carbon Budget - negligible.
 Conservative assessment.

- Rural farming area. Small population high economic activity and employment.
- Temporary but beneficial:
 - Direct, indirect and induced local jobs (11 net Direct);
 - Opportunities for local businesses to provide services;
 - Expenditure in local hotels and restaurants by project staff;
 - Community benefit payments for each well hydraulically fractured.
- Risk of crime & public safety low. Effective local police force.

Assessment area	Assessment objective
Employment	Assess the extent to which
	employment creation is
	maximised.
Wider economic	Assess the ways that economic
effects	effects occur, relating outcomes to
	specific aspects of the project.
Public access and	Assess how costs in this area can
recreational	be minimised, and benefits
amenity	maximised.
Crime and Public	Assess how costs in this area can
Safety	be minimised, and benefits
	maximised.

Due to the temporary and relatively small scale nature of both Projects the ES concluded that it **will not result in a significant** effect on communities or socioeconomic factors.

- Identified ecological features of value in zone of influence of the Sites and the arrays.
 - Desk based study
 - Field Surveys
- Ecology Impact Assessment: Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

Location of Statutory Nature Conservation Site in relation to PNR Site

RW- pond to south of proposed development site field

- Embedded Mitigation:
 - Locating seismometer array points away from areas used by wintering birds
 - Direct visual disturbances will be minimised by security fencing surrounding the Site.

Effects

 Loss of habitat Disturbance due to increase noise levels, vehicle and personnel movements (visual) and increased light levels. Alteration of bat behaviour due to heat emitted by the flare stack Accidental injury of killing of brown hare Effects would be significant 	 Avoid installation of the monitoring array during the winter period for the 3 sites adjacent to Lytham Moss BHS and the fields of the 13 other stations which support wintering birds (PNR array only) Measures to reduce the magnitude of lighting impacts on feeding bats Replace any lost hedgerows and trees Vegetation clearance to occur outside of bird breeding season or following confirmation that there are no breeding birds using the vegetation for nesting prior to its removal Qualified ecologist will undertake pre-start checks Noise attenuation measures 	• Not Significant
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Further mitigation

The ES concluded that the Project will **not result in a significant effect** on ecological features.

Residual significance

Hydrogeology and ground gas – Assessment

Assessment considers possible impacts:

- Well pad activities and materials in transit
- Well construction and integrity
- Fractures created by hydraulic fracturing

Environmental Agency Groundwater Source Protection Zones Key Preston New Road Site Source Protection Zones SPZ1 (Inner Zone) SPZ2 (Outer Zone) SPZ3 (Total Catchment)

Baseline

- Desk study research
- Site reconnaissance visit
- Additional data gathering is also planned

Approach:

- Identification of hazards and potential sourcepathway-receptor linkages
- Estimation of the probability of the risk being realised
- Identification of consequences
- Estimation of the magnitude of the risk
- Identification of the risk management options ('mitigation measures')
- Estimation of residual risk

Relevant receptors include:

Groundwater, surface water and supported ecology, off-site human health, on-site human health, and crops and livestock.

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- Design and management of wells & operations to ensure no pollutants released to surface or groundwater.
- Wells: drilled, constructed and tested iaw regulation / industry guidance.
- Wells: min 2-barrier cement-sealed.
- Drilling fluids: non-hazardous used for drilling in sensitive rock layers.
- Hydraulic fracturing: accord with industry guidance / regulation.
- Fracturing fluids used: nonhazardous to groundwater.
- Fracture growth monitored.
- Water quality monitored.
- Wells decommissioned and restored iaw regulation / industry guidance.

- Hydraulic fracturing fluid:
 - Water and sand (99.95% by vol)
 - Polyacralamide friction reducer (0.05%)
 - Dilute hydrochloric acid (10% acid, 90% water) may be used as a spear head.

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³³ Fylde Hydrogeology Summary

Notes:

- Liquids include fracture fluid, formation water and flowback fluid.
- Gas includes formation gas (such as methane) from Collyhurst Sandstone, Bowland Shale and Hodder Mudstone. Note that no sulphur containing gases have been detected such as hydrogen sulphide.
- Exact lateral location may be constructed at any depth within the Bowland Shale, such that induced fractures remain within the Bowland Shale (approximately between 1,900 and 2,900m)
- Up to 4 J-shaped wells to be installed at the Site. Only the first well will include a vertical pilot hole.

³⁵ Potential Pollution Linkages: Well Integrity

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³⁶ Well Design & Well Barrier Systems

³⁷ Potential Pollution Linkages: Induced Fractures

The ES concluded that the Project will **not result in a significant effect** on hydrogeological features.

- Induced Seismicity:
 - Felt effects and potential damage to buildings and infrastructure.
 - Normally during hydraulic fracturing from propagation of engineered fractures, or transmission of fluid pressure into critically stressed fault.
- Embedded mitigation: required by DECC and recommended by UKOOG.
 - Avoid drilling wells into, or close to, existing pre-stressed regional faults
 - Risk based geo-mechanical assessments of proposed hydraulic fracturing with regard to known faults

Preston New Road - 8km west of Woodsfold Fault and 1.5km east west of the Thistleton Fault.

Roseacre Wood- 3km west of Woodsfold Fault and 3km east of the Thistleton Fault.

- Monitoring background induced and natural seismicity before, during and after hydraulic fracturing
- Operational mitigationstepped progressive approach to hydraulic fracturing building up to a maximum pump volume of 765m3
- Reduce the volumes of hydraulic fracturing fluid injected.

Spatial distribution of natural seismicity (red) and coal- mining induced seismicity (green) in the UK from 1382 to 2012

Traffic light monitoring system

Controls are in place so that operators will have to assess the location of faults before fracking, monitor seismic activity in real time and stop if even minor earth tremors occur.

If a magnitude greater than M 0.5 * (0.5 on the Richter scale) is detected operations will stop and the pressure of the fluid will be reduced. This level should limit further earthquakes. known as 'induced seismicity', which may happen after the pumping is completed.

"subject to review and may change.

Shale

rock

Induced Seismicity – Embedded Mitigation

Scenario 1 (0.5 ML) has
been chosen as it represents
the 0.5 ML Red light
threshold of the Traffic Light
System, as recommended by
DECC.

- Scenario 2 (1.5 ML) = 0.5 ML Red light of TLS + 1.0 ML trailing effect (postinjection).
- DECC: 1.5 ML typically the limit of felt vibrations below what may be felt at the ground surface.

Induced Seismicity

There would be potential for induced seismicity effects associated with ground motion hazard, well integrity, liquefaction, slope instability and cumulative effects of settlement and fluid migration.

The ES concluded that the Project will **not result in a significant effect** from induced seismicity.

⁴⁴ Induced Seismicity Assessment

- Detailed assessment on construction, use and decommissioning of the well pad and access track.
- Moderate agricultural quality, but Clay. Best practice for excavation and handling - residual effects are not significant.
- Effect on farming operations not significant.
- The two Sites are not in same ownership - no cumulative impact on one landowner from both projects.

Description of effect	Significance	Mitigation	Residual effect				
Construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, initial and extended flow testing decommissioning and restoration.							
Temporary displacement of soil resources	Moderate / Major Significant	Stripped and stored according to Defra best practice.	Negligible Not Significant				
Temporary loss of productive agricultural land	Negligible Not Significant	Reinstatement requirement	Negligible Not Significant				
Loss of farmable area to the holding affected	Minor Not Significant	Reinstatement requirement	Negligible Not Significant				
Cumulative Impacts	Not Applicable.	None – subject to appropriate reinstatement and aftercare of land	Negligible Not Significant				

Landscape assessment findings:

- Localised direct change due to development proposals temporary altering a very small proportion of one local character area during construction.
- For all phases of the Project there would be **no significant landscape effects.**

Visual assessment findings:

- Significant adverse visual effects during drilling, hydraulic fracturing and flow testing.
- **PNR-**7 of the principal viewpoints would experience significant adverse effects
- **RW-** 11 of the principal viewpoints would experience significant adverse effects

PNR- indicative night and day views from Preston New Road

RW- indicative night and day views of 53m drilling rig

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The ES concluded that both Projects will **not result in a significant effect** on

landscape features.

A **significant but temporary effect** on visual amenity is predicted during the first 2 to 3 years of both Projects - due to the visually intrusive nature of some of the equipment that will be used.

During the installation of the arrays, construction and decommissioning and restoration phases, all effects would be negligible or minor adverse and **not significant**.

The ES concluded that the effects of lighting being directed towards windows and light intensity would **not result in a significant effect** once the mitigation measures are implemented.

The magnitude of the skyglow and building luminance effects would be reduced through the mitigation measures, although the effects would remain significant (but temporary).

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48 Lighting

- Significant Effect: Hydraulic fracturing pumping (night-time, weekends)
- Only operate during weekday daytime and Saturday mornings
- Residual impact not significant.

Concerns about how flowback fluid would be treated and disposed.

Concerns about the disposal of surface water and any other types of waste.

Comments about the treatment of waste generated and how it will be transported from the Site.

Concerns about the low levels of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) being present in the waste generated.

- Flowback fluid:
 - Hydraulic fracturing fluid
 - Gas or other hydrocarbons
 - Formation water
 - Minerals leached from shale rock
 - Naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM)
 - Possibly residual drilling fluid.
- Embedded Mitigation:
 - Compliance with permitting requirements for waste.
 - Reduced volume flowback fluid.
 - Surface water collected in preprepared channels & disposed.
 - Licenced waste operators confirmed safe disposal of waste

50 Resources & Waste Assessment

Waste Stream	Disposal
Polymer Based Water Drilling Muds	Removed by licensed waste to permitted treatment facility in accordance with published guidance
Drill Cuttings associated with Polymer Based Water Drilling Muds	Separated for recycling recycled into secondary aggregate at permitted waste management facility.
Drill Cuttings associated with LTOBM	Drill cuttings contaminated with LTOBM will be classified as hazardous waste and disposed offsite at licensed waste sites.
Losses to formation	Drilling fluids designed to minimise loss to the adjacent formations, although possible some small losses will occur. Seek to minimise such losses. When drilling through sensitive groundwater receptors no hazardous chemicals will be used. Unlikely to recover losses to formation.
Cement	Returning cement cannot be re-used on site. Due to the small quantities the cement can be sent for recycling to an offsite authorised waste facility.
General waste- paper, timber, scrap-metal	General waste recycled onsite where feasible before being sent to a Materials Recovery Facility to maximise waste diverted from landfill.
Rainfall runoff	Rainfall runoff is tankered offsite and treated at a local WwTW.
Foul effluent	Foul effluent is tankered offsite and treated at a local WwTW.

⁵¹ Drilling Phase Waste Streams.

Waste Stream	Disposal
Flowback Fluid	Proportion (40%) of injected Fracturing fluid (water and sand 99.95%, polyacrylamide 0.05%) is extractive waste. NORM (>1Bq/l) = radioactive waste. Stored in flowback tanks for measurement and storage until it is removed for re-use. Some re-used in hydraulic fracturing. Separating process to remove sands/floating oil/gas. Apply UV disinfection. No chemical treatment onsite. Remaining flowback to licensed treatment facility.
Sand	Sand from fracturing fluid removed in the 4 stage separator process that separates any natural gas extracted. Stored in sand bin; removed for treatment/disposal. Recycled - secondary aggregates.
Surplus natural gas	Flared.
Solid scale	Occasional treatment/disposal required. Insoluble barium, calcium and strontium compounds, maybe radium. Quantitative lab analysis. Disposal in sealed landfill cells, in accordance with the operator's environmental permit(s).
Equipment contaminated by NORM	Specialist treatment facilities.
Materials contaminated by NORM	Specialist treatment facilities.

Site	Daily			Weekly		
	Tonnes	m3	Litres	Tonnes	m3	Litres
Treatment Site A	300	300	300,000	2,100	2,100	2,100,000
Treatment Site B	120	120	120,000	600	600	600.000
Total Capacity	120	120	120,000			000,000
	420	420	420,000	2,700	2,700	2,700,000

Physical capacity of flowback fluid treatment facilities

Maximum Weekly	Weekly Treatment	%Treatment
Flowback Fluid (m3)	Capacity (m3)	Capacity
1,750	2,700	65

Maximum weekly flowback fluid treatment capacity during flow testing

- General waste , inert waste and non-hazardous waste will not result in a significant effect.
- Quantity of waste generated by the Project will not result in a significant effect. – there is sufficient capacity to treat the waste generated by the Project.
- Although there is sufficient capacity to treat flow- back fluid, it is still anticipated to result in a significant effect because at peak times it will utilise a major proportion of the available treatment capacity within 100 miles of the Site.

Key: Less than 4 📕 5-10 📕 10-20 📕 20-30 📕 30-40 📕 40-50

vehicle movements per day (one trip to site = one movement; one trip from site = one movement)

- Vehicle movements vary. Peaks (a few days) when equipment brought to or removed from Site.
- Traffic increase not a significant transport effect.

There is no embedded mitigation relating to traffic and transport

The ES concluded that transport impacts **would not result in a significant effect**.

- Assessed:
 - Requirement for water use
 - Surface and drainage impacts
 - Well pad containment and drainage system
 - Flood risk relating to implementation of the Project

- Water supply requirements
 - 112,000m3 during 150 stages of hf, incl mini-frac for each stage (no flowback reuse).
 - 89,500m3 during 150 stages of hf, incl minifrac for each stage (flowback reuse).
- Local water supplier can meet the demand.

- Achieved a 20% reduction in proposed use of mains water by:
 - Reducing the volume of water used for hydraulic fracturing.
 - Re-using flow back fluid.

RW: Water Pipeline Supply Route

PNR - Site drainage connections to adjacent field drainage

- Sufficient capacity in pad to ensure any spills contained.
- Double isolation valve preventing storm water from leaving Site
- Storm water to a licensed wastewater treatment works
- Site selection avoided areas at risk of flooding

Flood zones relative to the Well Pad - RW

Potential for effects associated with :

- the risk to availability of water supplies resulting from demand requirements
- increased run- off leaving the Site and entering field drainage when compared to pre-developed condition.

All would be **negligible or minor beneficial**, except for the risk to availability of water supplies in mains networks during the hydraulic fracturing stage.

The ES concluded that both Projects will **not result in a significant effect** on water resources.

Public Health

Concerns about the longterm effects on health, health impacts of pollution or contamination and the possibility of the hydraulic fracturing process being detrimental to public health.

Public health related issues associated with both Projects have been covered by different sections of the ES.

Our response:

• Public Health England concluded that "the potential risks to public health in the vicinity of shale gas extraction sites will be low if shale gas extraction is properly run and regulated."

We intend to:

- Design the well pad to ensure containment of any spillages or potentially polluting materials affecting water courses.
- Design the wells with multiple layers of containment to ensure well integrity.
- Use a flare to burn gas during IFT to reduce concentrations of atmospheric pollutants.
- Ensure any emissions to air do not exceed legal limits

The potentially cumulative effects from both shale gas exploration sites and with other developments within 10km have been assessed.

The ES has concluded that due to the distance between Preston New Road and Roseacre Wood, and the fact that they will be accessed from different roads, **there is limited scope for cumulative effects.**

The project will **not result in a greater number of significant effects** when combined with those from other developments in the vicinity.

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Consultation Process

			Project Stage		
	Overview of exploration and introduction to Environmental Risk Assessment	Update on project progress and Environmental Risk Assessment	Announcement of exploration sites and outline of planning and Environmental Impact Assessment process	Emerging findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Exploration site	Post submission of planning application
Consultation Activity	July to October 2013	November to December 2013	January to March 2014	April to May 2014	June 2014 to LCC decision on planning applications
Information day event and exhibition with technical experts available	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Engagement with key bodies	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	
Workshop events and parish council meetings	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	~	
Community Liaison Group meeting				\checkmark	\checkmark
Dedicated phone line	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark
Newsletter distributed		\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~
Brochure distributed				\checkmark	✓
Animations and computer generated images available		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~
Community mapping available		\checkmark	\checkmark	~	
Physical model of site				\checkmark	
Information can be downloaded from website	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

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Principal concerns and ES Assessment Topics

Principal concerns raised Roseacre Wood

Principal concerns raised Preston New Road

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63 Principal Concerns: Community Consultation

Site / Application	Submission Date	Determination
Preston New Road Exploration Site	29 May 2014	January 2015.
Preston New Road Monitoring Works		January 2015.
Roseacre Wood Exploration Site	16 June 2014	January 2015.
Roseacre Wood Monitoring Works		January 2015.

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- Director of Public Health: Health Impact Assessment of sites, followed by HIA of the wider industry.
- Key risks to the health and wellbeing of residents near the two proposed sites:
 - Lack of public trust and confidence, stress and anxiety from uncertainty that could lead to poor mental wellbeing
 - Noise related health effects due to continuous drilling, and
 - Issues related to capacity for flowback waste water treatment and disposal.

- DPH: risks can be mitigated by LCC, EA, DECC, HSE.
 - Vigilant / emergency preparedness.
 - Robust baseline & long term monitoring to reassure communities and understand cumulative and long term effects.
 - Local communities actively involved & risks communicated in transparent, reliable & proportionate way. Closer working between industry, national, local agencies & others.
 - Local shale gas spatial strategy & national onshore oil and gas integrated regulatory framework.
 Further research on effects of shale gas development on health and wellbeing.

Permission	Comments	Agency
Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended) Schedule 22	Permit required to cover the unlikely possibility of indirect discharge of hydraulic fracturing fluid into a groundwater unit.	Environment Agency
Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended) Schedule 20	Permit required for managing extractive wastes which are defined under the Mining Waste Directive.	Environment Agency
Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended) Schedule 23	Permit required for the temporary accumulation and disposal of flowback fluid and soil waste containing Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material.	Environment Agency
Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended) Schedule 13	Permit required for the incineration (flaring) of hazardous waste (natural gas) greater than 10 tonnes per day.	Environment Agency
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012	Permit to emit greenhouse gas as a regulated activity for combustion greater than 20Mwth.	Environment Agency

Permission	Comments	Agency
Licence to Flare	The main purpose of the licencing process is to ensure that gas is conserved where possible by avoiding unnecessary wastage during the production of hydrocarbons.	DECC
Consents for Operations	All operations including drilling, hydraulic fracturing, well suspension, well re-entering etc. require DECC approval via the WONS (well operations and notifications system). Hydraulic Fracturing Programme to be submitted to DECC after the well is drilled and prior to fracturing operations.	DECC
Notification of Operations	All operations including drilling, hydraulic fracturing, well suspension, well re-entering etc need to be notified 21 days in advance of the operation.	HSE
Notification of Operations	Drilling operations need to be notified in advance of the operation.	British Geological Society

Questions & Comments

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