

Appendix B

Q1. Do you agree with the proposal to include major shale gas production projects in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project regime?

Answer: **No**

Q2. Please provide any relevant evidence to support your response to question 1.

Answer: we would refer you to the report "Planning guidance on Fracking" published by the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee in July 2018. The Committee's findings are clear that fracking production operations are unlikely to meet the threshold in terms of physical scale and quantum of gas production to be considered as nationally significant in the context of what was envisaged in the 2008 Act. Furthermore, the removal of decision making from local communities to Central Government would exacerbate public opposition to the process.