

Permitting decisions

Standard rules permit

We have decided to grant the permit for Preston New Road Exploration Site operated by Cuadrilla Bowland Limited.

The permit number is EPR/KP3731JR

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document provides a record of the decision making process. It:

- highlights [key issues](#) in the determination
- summarises the decision making process in the [decision checklist](#) to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit. The introductory note summarises what the permit covers.

Decision checklist

| Aspect considered | Decision |
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| Receipt of application | |
| Standard rules criteria check | The application meets the criteria for the standard rules applied for. |
| Confidential information | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. |
| Identifying confidential information | We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. |
| Consultation/Engagement | |
| Consultation | <p>The consultation requirements were identified in accordance with the Environmental Permitting Regulations and our public participation statement.</p> <p>The application was publicised on the GOV.UK website and a notification included on the dedicated Citizen Space page for the site.</p> <p>The comments and our responses are summarised in the consultation section of this document.</p> |
| Operator | |
| Control of the facility | We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on legal operator for environmental permits. |
| The site | |
| Extent of the site of the facility | The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. |
| Site condition report | The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site, which we consider is satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports. |
| Operator competence | |
| Management system | There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management system to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. |
| Relevant convictions | The Case Management System has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. |
| Financial competence | There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. |
| Growth Duty | We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and |

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| | <p>the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit. The conditions imposed under the permit are reasonable and necessary to avoid a risk of an unacceptable level of pollution and are based on our risk assessment undertaken at the time the Rules were made.</p> <p>Application of the Rules to this activity promotes economic growth amongst legitimate operators because the standards applied to the operator are consistent across businesses in this sector and have been set to achieve the required legislative standards.</p> |

Consultation

The following summarises the responses to our notice on GOV.UK for the public and the way in which we have considered these in the determination process.

Responses received to advertising

No responses were received.