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Dear Carolyn

Re; Fast Track Planning Rules – Fracking

Further to my previous correspondence; please find enclosed a copy of a reply I have received from the DCLG in response to my enquiry on your behalf.

The reply in my view avoids responding clearly to the question as to how any new permissions will impact on communities because we are all aware that fracking is not popular and it's doubtful that local people will be supportive. If members want to respond to the Minister's reply then please get back to me.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim McMahon".

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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December regarding the concerns raised by Oldham Council about the proposed planning reforms for exploratory shale gas development.

The consultation on permitted development for shale gas exploration development has now closed. The Government is in the process of considering the responses to the consultation and will publish its response in due course.

The Government remains fully committed to making planning decisions faster and fairer for all those affected by new development, and to ensure that local communities are fully involved in planning decisions that affect them. That is why the consultation on the principle of a permitted development right for shale gas exploration development sought views on the conditions any permitted development right would be subject to. Conditions can include local consideration of particular planning impacts, and public engagement.

Further to this, on 31 October 2018 we published a separate consultation on whether developers should be required to conduct pre-application community consultation prior to submitting a planning application for shale gas development, and the process of community consultation that could be required. This consultation closed on 7 January 2019 and we are currently considering the responses that we have received.

Thank you again for your letter. I hope you find this information helpful.

KIT MALTHOUSE MP