

CONSULTATION ON A REVISED TRANSPORT ROUTE STRATEGY AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

PLANNING APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: APP/Q2371/W/15/3134385)

Following Lancashire County Council's refusal of Cuadrilla's original planning application to drill, hydraulically fracture and test up to four shale exploration wells in June 2015, we submitted an appeal to the Secretary of State in September 2015 and a five-week public inquiry was held by Inspector Wendy McKay in February and March 2016.

On 6 October 2016, the Secretary of State confirmed that he had decided to give Cuadrilla and other parties the opportunity to provide any further evidence on highway safety and allow parties to make any representations at a new inquiry on that topic before reaching a final decision on the appeal. The Secretary of State said that subject to being satisfied that the highway safety issues identified by Inspector McKay can be satisfactorily addressed, he is minded to allow the appeal and grant planning permission subject to conditions. Subsequently Inspector Melvyn Middleton has been appointed to hear the evidence on highways safety at the reopened inquiry which is provisionally due to open at 10:00am on Tuesday, 10 April 2018 for an estimated eight sitting days.

Following the Secretary of State's decision and against this background Cuadrilla appointed an independent traffic consultant who commissioned extensive traffic surveys over the summer and autumn this year to assess possible routes to the Roseacre Wood site. Based on the conclusions of this work, Cuadrilla is now proposing to utilise three routes to provide access for HGVs between the A583 and A585 and the Roseacre Wood site.

Maps of the three proposed HGV routes are enclosed and they are:

- Green Route from A585 to the Site via B5269 Thistleton Road, Elswick High Street and Roseacre Road;
- Red Route from A585 to the Site via B5269 Thistleton Road, Elswick High Street, Lodge Lane, Preston Road and Higham Side Road and through the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) Defence High Frequency Communications Site (DHFCS) Inskip facility; and
- Blue Route from A583 to the Site via Clifton Lane, Station Road, Dagger Road, Salwick Road, and Inskip Road and through the DHFCS facility.

The management of the three routes in order to minimise disruption and ensure safe and efficient working will be set out in a Traffic Management Plan, in agreement with Lancashire County Council, which will itself be subject to a planning condition.

The revised transport route strategy and related environmental information comprises:

- an independent transport consultation report; and
- a Traffic Addendum to the original planning application's Environment Statement, which the draft Traffic Management Plan is appended to.

The revised transport route strategy and related environmental information may be inspected from 29th November 2017 until 10th January 2018 at www.cuadrillaresources.com/site/roseacre-wood and www.programmeofficers.co.uk/cuadrilla2 or at the following addresses during the hours specified in brackets:

- Lancashire County Council, Council Offices, Fishergate, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ OLD (09.00 – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday);
- Fylde Borough Council, The Town Hall, St Annes Road West, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 1LW (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8.30am to 5pm; Wednesday 9am to 5pm; Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm); and
- Kirkham Library, Station Road, Kirkham, Lancashire, PR4 2HD (Monday 9am - 6pm; Tuesday 9am - 1pm; Wednesday 9am - 6pm; Thursday 9am - 6pm; Friday 9am - 6pm; Saturday 9am - 5pm).

A paper copy of the revised transport route strategy and related environmental information may be obtained upon request free of charge by writing to:

Cuadrilla Elswick Limited
Cuadrilla House,
Unit 6 Sceptre Court,
Sceptre Way,
Bamber Bridge,
Preston PR5 6AW

A copy can also be requested by email at enquiries@cuadrillaresources.com or by telephone on 0800 170 1115.

If you wish to make a representation in respect of the revised transport route strategy and related environmental information, please submit it by email to devcon@lancashire.gov.uk or in writing to:

Development Management Group,
Lancashire County Council,
PO Box 100, County Hall,
Pitt Street,
Preston
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by the 10th January 2018 quoting the appeal reference number (APP/Q2371/W/15/3134385).