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Paul Foster

**Please ask
for:**

Florence Hewett

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Your ref:

Our ref:

PCU/EIASC/W9500/3372422

Date:

10 December 2025

Dear Paul Foster

Request for a Screening Direction

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 Proposal for: Proposed Gas Production and Underground Gas Pipeline at Ebberston South Well site, Common Lane, Snainton, Scarborough YO13 9PU

I refer to your client's request dated 1 September 2025, made under 6(10) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017(S.I. 2017/571) ("the 2017 Regulations") for the Secretary of State's screening direction on the matter of whether or not the above development is 'EIA development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

The Secretary of State considers the proposal to be 'Schedule 2 development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations. The Secretary of State has screened under Regulation 5(7) of the Environmental Impact Regulations 2017.

Having taken into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the 2017 Regulations the Secretary of State considers that the development is likely to have significant effects on the environment, see the attached written statement which gives the reasons for direction as required by 5(5) of the EIA Regulations.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by regulation 7(5) of the 2017 Regulations the Secretary of State hereby directs that the proposed development described in your client's request and the documents submitted with it, **is 'EIA development'** within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

Any application for planning permission for this development must be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Under regulation 2 of the 2017 Regulations, an Environmental Statement must contain, for the purpose of assessing the likely impact on the environment,

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the information specified in that regulation. I recommend that you refer to the Regulations before and during the preparation of the Statement.

I am sending a copy of this letter and written statement to the North York Moors National Park Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hale

Head of Environmental Casework

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, and signed on his behalf