

## Parishes Liaison Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

### Update on Hydraulic Fracturing 'Fracking' in the B&NES area

There has been very little movement since I last updated the group in June 2014.

To date no planning applications have been received in relation to any unconventional gas exploration in PEDL area 227 (Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence). This is in either B&NES or Somerset. We have been attempting to contact the holder of PEDL licence 227, UK Methane, but they haven't yet agreed to meet with us to discuss their proposals currently.

The 14<sup>th</sup> round licence offer is still open and will close on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014. I estimate that it will be some weeks before we learn whether any new applications have been made to DECC for additional PEDL licences in this area but we will be asking them to inform us as soon as possible.

The best place to look at the areas covered by PEDL's and areas covered by the 14<sup>th</sup> round offer is at the UK Onshore Geophysical library website - <http://www.ukogl.org.uk/webmap/index.html#>

For further information please visit our dedicated web page [www.bathnes.gov.uk/fracking](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/fracking) or contact me - Phil Mansfield (Group Manager, Building Control).