

5 October 2017

**IGas Energy Submit Scoping Request to Chester West and Chester Council (“CWaCC”) for a temporary well site on land off Grinsome Road, Elton**

IGas has today submitted a scoping request to CWaCC to begin the process of a planning application for a temporary wellsite on land off Grinsome Road in Elton.

The proposed well site is situated in Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) 190 on an existing IGas site, off Grinsome Road in Elton. This location has been chosen after thorough analysis of the 3D seismic data and existing well logs and is located within a predominantly industrial area close to businesses which use high volumes of gas. We want to further test the various rock formations, including shale, for detailed information and to establish the quantity and quality of natural gas within the rocks.

The proposed development would be for one new well, initially to be drilled vertically and then horizontally. We also intend to hydraulically fracture and flow test the target formation, to assess the flow potential of the well.

As part of the planning process we will undertake community consultation to take account of feedback from local residents before submitting a full planning application. To help ensure the local community is kept informed as we go through the planning process, we will participate in a Community Liaison Group alongside local Parish Councils.

Commenting John Blaymires, Chief Operating Officer, of IGas said:

“This area of Cheshire has a proud industrial heritage, with excellent utility infrastructure and transport networks in place. There are also a number of significant employers in the area whose businesses rely on gas, which is something that we could potentially supply in the future, directly from the area.

Today, eight out of ten homes use gas for heating, 61% for cooking and up to 50% of our electricity is derived from gas. It is clear that the UK needs a secure supply of gas as a bridging fuel until renewable sources can provide sufficient quantum and stability of energy for society’s needs.

We are committed to meeting that need in a safe and environmentally responsible way and plan to keep local people abreast of our plans every step of the way.”

A public drop-in exhibition has been arranged for local residents to come along and hear more about our proposals and meet members of the operational team.

Venue: **Elton Community Centre**

Date: **18 October 2017**

Address: **School Lane, Elton, Chester CH2 4PU**

Time: **Between 15:30 and 19:30**

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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