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## 03—Planning Permission

### Features

**Planning Permission** is required by developers of shale gas exploration and extraction schemes, and involves a formal application process that requires the submission of detailed information for assessment by council planning experts that then either recommend approval or rejection. Local elected representatives make the final decision.

### Advantages

**The Planning Permission process** ensures that proposals are properly scrutinised and assessed for their suitability in a given location, by reference to national policy and guidelines. It also gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposals and influence the outcome.

### Benefits

**Only suitable schemes get Planning Permission** which means that unsuitable development does not take place. Local communities have a say on development where they live, and where Planning Permission is granted, it will include conditions that the applicant has to comply with.

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