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Third Energy planning application is validated

Third Energy, the gas exploration and production company, today underlined its commitment to safe and discrete operations at Kirby Misperton as its planning application to hydraulically fracture its KM8 well was validated by North Yorkshire County Council. That application meets all the council's requirements in the required format and it will now undergo a period of public consultation before planning officers make a recommendation to the planning committee.

The KM8 application is an extension of the company's operations in Ryedale which go back over 20 years. The company already has nine well sites in the area and produces gas that is sent to the Knapton Generating Station where electricity is generated for the local area.

In its planning application, which can be viewed on both Third Energy's and the Council's websites, Third Energy has made the following commitments to local residents:

- The entire project should take no more than six weeks;
- Each hydraulic fracture will only last for around five hours;
- Hydraulic fracturing will only take place in daylight hours;
- A maximum of 4000 cubic metres of water will be used for the total operation, less than the volume of two Olympic size swimming pools;
- The additives used in the fracking fluid have to be approved by the Environment Agency as non-hazardous to groundwater, are fully disclosed in the planning application and are commonly found in food and household products.

John Dewar, operations director at Third Energy, said he was delighted that the project has reached another milestone: "Our application for operations at the existing KM8 well at Kirby Misperton will receive more scrutiny because of the high public interest. However, operations will be for a shorter duration and involve less noise and less traffic than many of the wells we have already drilled and completed safely in the area. The fracking process itself only lasts for a few hours, and then the well will perform in exactly the same way as our existing wells which have operated safely and unnoticed for the last two decades."

"I would encourage people to judge our application based on facts provided by leading independent consultants, rather than rumours spread on the internet. As always, our door remains open for people to come and talk to us if they have any questions. We are confident we can deliver this project discreetly, safely and with minimum environmental impact, as we have done with all of our projects for the last 20 years."

The application, which runs to seven volumes and several thousand pages has taken around seven months to complete, involved a range of experts and included the commissioning of numerous detailed studies including air quality, noise, traffic, water, waste, ecology, lighting and hydrogeology.

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The full planning application can be viewed following this link:

<https://onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/register/PlanAppDisp.aspx?recno=9761>

Third Energy is an independent company with a focus on gas appraisal and development, set up with the purpose of building a portfolio of UK producing and appraisal assets, onshore and offshore, and to be a respected and profitable gas company.

Third Energy has been drilling for and producing gas, and generating electricity in North Yorkshire with an excellent track record in safety and environmental management for more than two decades and continues to do so.

Third Energy employs 25 people at its base in North Yorkshire

Since the Knapton Generating Station was opened in May 1995, it has produced approximately 30 billion cubic feet of gas from four conventional gas fields which is used to generate electricity for the National Grid.

For more information consult the Third Energy website at www.third-energy.com