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### **IGas planning application in North Nottinghamshire validated**

IGas Energy plc is pleased to announce that its planning application for a proposed project at Tinker Lane, in the parish of Torworth, has today been validated by Nottinghamshire County Council ("NCC").

The proposal covers works to drill a single vertical exploratory well in order to evaluate the geology in the local area and begin the process of assessing its potential for shale gas recovery.

The application has met all of NCC'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. All the associated documents can be viewed on the NCC website:

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=ES/3524](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=ES/3524) and also at [www.igas-engage.co.uk/tinker-lane](http://www.igas-engage.co.uk/tinker-lane).

IGas has been committed to early engagement with the local community which began with a public exhibition in November 2015 and the formation of a Community Liaison Group ("CLG") which meets every two weeks. The CLG provides the local community representatives with a forum to meet with members of the IGas project team, discuss the proposals and make recommendations.

IGas has already incorporated feedback they have received into the application and looks forward to further meetings with the community to discuss the plans in more detail.

Commenting Stephen Bowler, CEO of IGas, said:

"The drilling of the well at Tinker Lane will be another important step in helping us to understand the shale gas potential in North Nottinghamshire and more widely. Natural gas, including gas produced from shale, is important not only for electricity generation, but also for heating over 80% of UK homes and providing feedstock for key manufacturing processes. There is a pressing need to deliver lower carbon energy that is home grown, provides important energy security for the future alongside economic benefits to the local communities as well as the country as a whole.

"IGas operates assets that have been producing oil and gas in the local area safely and in an environmentally responsible manner for over three decades. Our Tinker Lane operations will be conducted with exactly the same regulatory rigour and robust safety measures.

"As part of our commitment as a responsible operator, we will continue to work closely with the community around the site and seek to address any concerns they may have. I would encourage local residents to come and talk to us at our events which we will be holding over the coming weeks."

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#### **ENQUIRIES**

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