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Sent: 13 April 2022 11:54
To: Bleadon BOB Community Website <bleadon@live.co.uk>
Cc: Mike Solomon (Councillor) <Mike.Solomon@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Tonight's Council Meeting - Fracking Licences in Bleadon

Hi Jo

I raised the issue of Fracking at last night's council meeting, and it was confirmed that a motion to continually ban fracking in North Somerset will come forward to council.

This position is fully supported, and the portfolio holder has agreed to our consultation on this motion to Council..

I am waiting to hear if Bleadon parish Council was separately contacted with the Local plan consultation.

If you have any particular issues you wish me to raise, and you did mention wind and solar, Mike Solomon and I have a meeting with the main planning engineer on 21st April to follow upon any concerns that we have, or have been raised with us.

Thanks

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From: Bleadon BOB Community Website <bleadon@live.co.uk>
Sent: 12 April 2022 12:28
To: Terry Porter (Councillor) <terry.porter@n-somerset.gov.uk>
Cc: BPC Councillors, BPC Clerk
Subject: Tonight's Council Meeting - Fracking Licences in Bleadon

Dear Cllr Porter,

Following last night's Bleadon APM, thank you for agreeing to raise the Bleadon energy issues at tonight's North Somerset Council meeting (<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&MId=793>)

Considering the current energy situation, and the Green Agenda, please can you confirm that:

- NSC will continue to commit to its 'Frack Free' position on fracking as indicated in its Climate Emergency Action plan, i.e. to "*Pass a motion declaring North Somerset a Frack Free Zone to discourage the exploration and production of shale gas*". (Appendix 1 in tonight's Climate Emergency Progress Report (<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s3293/20%20Climate%20Emergency%20Progress%20Report.pdf>)) (Please can you confirm whether this motion has been, or is scheduled to be, passed)
- NSC will continue to ensure that "... *shale gas development of any type should not be classed as a permitted development*" either by the government or by any NSC policy or plan, e.g. Local Plan (<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/north-somerset-council-votes-for-government-not-to-decide-fracking-4534898>)
- NSC will not destroy the tranquil rural Bleadon Levels and Parish environment in its "... *aim of being a carbon neutral council and a carbon neutral area by 2030*" with an aim to "*Encourage our partners and stakeholders to procure electricity supply from 100% renewably generated sources*". In particular not to pass the proposed Local Plan suggestion on wind turbine and solar PV search areas (see attached image) (<https://n-somerset.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s3293/20%20Climate%20Emergency%20Progress%20Report.pdf>)

You may also recall that Bleadon Parish Council declared Bleadon Frack Free agreeing "... *that Clerk would write to the Leader (of NSC, Cllr Don Davies) and copy it to ALCA and DEFRA*" (July 2019 Min 324.11 <https://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk/content/large/documents/minutes/minutes-324-july-19-draft.pdf>)

- I'm asking BPC for a copy of the letter above and the response received from NSC via this email, I'll forward a copy to you as soon as I receive the information.

As you heard last night, Bleadon Parish Council said that it, and so presumably the majority of Bleadon residents, is not aware of the current Local Plan consultation due to end 29 April 22 (<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/PreferredOptionsMarch22/consultationHome>). Please can you confirm:

- Were parish councils, in particular BPC, made aware of the Local Plan 2038 consultation and invited to comment?
- If so, when and how were they informed?
- If not, please explain why not.

Hopefully BPC will call a widely publicised extra-ordinary meeting to discuss this consultation before the deadline, but in the meantime I'll endeavour to attend tomorrow's last NSC drop-in session to talk to officers about how the Local Plan process will shape the future development of Bleadon and North Somerset up to 2038 (<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning-policy/our-local-plan/local-plan-2038/draft-plan-2021>)

Please let me know the outcome of the meeting.

Kind regards,

Jo

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