

**TITLE OF REPORT:**           **Revocation of Hazardous Substance Consent 1090/92 at  
Redheugh Holder Station, Team Street, Gateshead.**

**REPORT OF:**               **Strategic Director, Communities and Environment**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To obtain approval from Members of the Planning and Development Committee for the making of an order under Section 14(1) of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 to revoke the Hazardous Substance Consent (HSC) at the site of Redheugh Gas Holder Station on Team Street in Gateshead. Revocation would be subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State.

2. **BACKGROUND**

Gateshead Council as Hazardous Substances Authority for the Borough are responsible for the control of Hazardous Substance Consent and associated applications.

Under Section 14 (1) of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990, the hazardous substances authority (HAS) may revoke or modify consent to such extent that it considers expedient to do so. If the revocation is issued under Section 14(1) then compensation may be payable to any person who has suffered depreciation or disturbance as a result of the order being made. Any action for revocation is subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State.

3. **THE SITE**

Hazardous Substance Consent (reference : 1092/92) was granted on 2 November 1992 to store natural gas at the site.

There has historically been a number of gas holders at this site. The last three remaining gas holders which were operated by Northern Gas Networks (formerly Transco) have used this site to store natural gas as part of the gas distribution network until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014, when the gas holders were decommissioned and physically isolated from the gas network.

Northern Gas Networks informed the Council in 2017 that the gas holders had been decommissioned and that natural gas was no longer stored at the site, so the Hazardous Substance Consent (1090/92) is no longer required. They requested that the Council make the necessary arrangements to revoke the HSC that relates to the site.

The storage of natural gas at the site approved under the HSC means that the Health and Safety Executive have imposed a consultation zone around the site that

could restrict development. As natural gas is no longer stored at the site it is considered appropriate to revoke the HSC to reflect the change in circumstances. This will remove the HSE consultation zone.

Although Section 16 of the Act includes provisions relating to compensation Northern Gas have confirmed in writing that they would not be seeking compensation.

The gas holders on site are currently being demolished. It is expected that that the tanks will be demolished by February 2018 with the frames being removed by October 2018.

## **Recommendations**

4. It is recommended that the Committee
  - (i) Authorise the making of an Order under Section 14(1) of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 seeking revocation of Hazardous Substances Consent 1092/92 to be confirmed by the Secretary of State.

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**1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

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**9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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