

**P-04-648 Unconventional Oil and Gas Planning Applications –
Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 03.11.15**

Dear Petitions Committee,

I am grateful to the Minister for his response and accept that drilling boreholes as what the British Geological Society do should not be covered by the moratorium but that exploratory drilling for unconventional gas (which includes CBM) should be. The conditions attached to the Planning Permission or the permits required by Natural Resources Wales should be sufficient evidence of whether unconventional gas extraction should take place. If in doubt, Planning Authorities should refer to the Minister.

Regards,

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