



## News Release

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### **NEW GAS SEARCH PROPOSED FOR NORTH YORK MOORS Public have opportunity to view plans**

Egdon Resources ("Egdon"), the AIM-listed oil and gas exploration and production company, is to seek planning permission for an exploratory borehole near the village of Westerdale in the North York Moors National Park.

The North York Moors National Park Authority will also be asked to approve the building of an access road to the site, on land south of Broad Gate Farm.

If permission is granted, this will be the second exploratory borehole that Egdon will have drilled in the area. The first, in 2006, did not find commercial quantities of gas and the site has since been completely restored to farmland.

Mark Abbott, Egdon's Managing Director, said the company planned to hold a public exhibition in Westerdale Village Hall on March 16 in order to give local residents the chance to view the plans and discuss them with the Egdon team.

"We definitely want to get feedback from residents and other stakeholders before we submit the planning application," he explained.

The company expects the exploratory drilling operation to last for no more than six weeks, after which the rig and associated equipment will be dismantled. Only the concrete base will remain while the results of the drilling are analysed.

If commercially-viable quantities of gas are found, new planning permission will have to be sought before it can be exploited.

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## **Notes to Editors**

1. The public exhibition will be held in Westerdale Village Hall on Friday, March 16 between 2pm and 8pm.
2. Egdon Resources was formed in 1997 and now has licences in proven oil and gas-producing basins in the UK and France.
3. Egdon, which focuses its operations on onshore UK and mainland Europe, listed on the Alternative Investments Market (AIM) in 2004.
4. For further information, please go to [www.egdon-resources.com](http://www.egdon-resources.com)