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ONSHORE PETROLEUM LICENSING POLICY – NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION

Dear Stakeholder,

The Department has launched a consultation on onshore petroleum licensing policy in Northern Ireland following a review by the Department.

The Department has developed a range of policy options for onshore petroleum licensing policy. This has been informed by independent research from Hatch Regeneris on the environmental, social and economic impacts of onshore petroleum exploration and production in Northern Ireland and other relevant international research. The preferred policy option is a moratorium and eventual legislative ban on exploration and production of all forms of onshore oil and gas in Northern Ireland.

The final decision on onshore petroleum licensing in Northern Ireland will be taken by a future Executive, informed by the responses and evidence submitted through this consultation process.

The details of the consultation can be found on the [DfE website](#). You can respond to the consultation by completing the [Citizen Space survey](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to have your views heard.

The deadline for responses is **12 April 2024**.

We look forward to hearing your views.

