

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Shale Gas Exploration Approval Given Support by MPs**

CNG Services welcomes the announcement that the Energy and Climate Change Committee has given a green light for shale gas exploration in the UK.

The Committee has published its report on its inquiry into the impact shale gas exploration could have on water supplies, energy security and greenhouse gas emissions. The inquiry found that there were no environmental or health issues resulting directly from the hydrofracking process used to extract shale gas. Concerns raised by environmental groups were based on personal accounts from the US of methane leaking into water aquifers. However, this report states such problems were related to poor well conditions as opposed to the hydrofracking process.

Shale gas exploration is an important step for security of supply in the UK. The report contains comments from the British Geological Survey estimates that indicate the UK's offshore shale gas resources could make Britain self sufficient in gas again.

John Baldwin, MD of CNG Services Ltd said, *"CNG Services welcomes this announcement as it's an important step for natural gas resources in the UK and heralds a new golden age for natural gas. The UK can now start to switch trucks and buses to run on dual fuel natural gas – diesel, offering 15-20% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>, supporting UK economic growth and helping to reduce the growing dependence on imported Middle East oil"*

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- Feasibility studies in relation to CNG and LNG fuelled vehicles and infrastructure
- Independent 'Owners Engineer' service
- CNG and LNG virtual pipelines
- Production and use of biomethane as a vehicle fuel.

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