

Councillors

Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

23rd - 26th July 2018

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via telephone interview.

Population Sampled

Conservative councillors in England in areas with PEDL licenses

Sample Size

507

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Conservative councillors in areas in England with PEDL licenses. Data were weighted by sex, region, tier and leadership position. Targets for the weighted data were derived from a specially constructed database of Conservative councillors in both county council and local authority areas that contain areas covered by PEDL license.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 507 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.9% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from cross-breaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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Table 1

Q1. Should fracking companies be required to submit a planning application in order to undertake exploratory drilling for shale oil or gas in your area?

Base: All Respondents

	Gender			Age						Region			Tier		Leadership position	
	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Midlands	North	South	City, District or Borough Council	County Council	No	Yes
Unweighted total	507	135	372	19	26	58	112	178	72	94	164	249	405	102	471	36
Weighted total	507	153	353	19	26	61	115	178	70	121	162	225	386	121	467	39
Yes	407	125	281	14	21	50	94	147	54	102	133	172	299	107	375	31
	80.22%	81.66%	79.6%	75.06%	80.83%	81.48%	83.42%	82.9%	77.65%	84.6%	82.05%	76.56%	77.64%	88.4%	80.26%	79.77%
No	45	11	35	2	3	4	10	13	11	8	17	21	40	6	40	5
	8.96%	6.98%	9.82%	10.19%	12.42%	6.34%	8.8%	7.16%	15.37%	6.65%	10.3%	9.24%	10.29%	4.75%	8.59%	13.37%
Dont know	55	17	37	3	2	7	9	18	5	11	12	32	47	8	52	3
	10.82%	11.37%	10.58%	14.75%	6.76%	12.18%	7.78%	9.93%	6.98%	8.74%	7.66%	14.2%	12.07%	6.85%	11.15%	6.86%
SIGMA	507	154	353	19	26	61	113	178	69	120	162	225	385	122	468	39
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 2

Q2. Who should grant final planning consent for shale production projects?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Region			Tier		Leadership position	
		Female	Male	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Midlands	North	South	City, District or Borough Council	County Council	No	Yes
Unweighted total	507	135	372	19	26	58	112	178	72	94	164	249	405	102	471	36
Weighted total	507	154	353	19	26	61	113	178	69	120	162	225	385	122	468	39
The local authority	328	103	224	13	19	42	73	119	41	90	103	134	243	84	300	27
	64.62%	67.22%	63.49%	70.87%	71.55%	69.29%	64.19%	66.78%	59.03%	75.19%	63.54%	59.75%	63.1%	69.46%	64.21%	69.48%
Central government	103	23	80	4	5	10	26	34	17	14	35	55	81	23	94	9
	20.41%	15.2%	22.68%	20.3%	17.81%	17%	23.41%	19.08%	25.23%	11.25%	21.56%	24.49%	21.01%	18.52%	20.16%	23.41%
Other	46	15	31	1	3	5	9	16	8	11	13	22	33	13	44	2
	9.04%	9.48%	8.84%	4.84%	10.64%	7.51%	8.36%	9.11%	11.01%	8.75%	8.25%	9.76%	8.6%	10.41%	9.42%	4.45%
Don't know	30	12	18	1	-	4	5	9	3	6	11	14	28	2	29	1
	5.93%	8.1%	4.98%	3.98%	-	6.2%	4.04%	5.03%	4.72%	4.8%	6.65%	6.01%	7.29%	1.61%	6.2%	2.66%
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