

Decision Day in three days!

Friday 30th January in Scarborough Town Hall



- Strategic Planning Committee will discuss and decide on Europa's planning application
- despite 60+ requests to defer meeting :
 - impending revisions to National Planning Policy Framework
 - NYC awaiting response for clarification from government
 - new legislation to ban fracking is on its way
- Committee (3 of 15 members) visited site yesterday

Objectives of tonight's meeting



- Share what we know about the Planning Committee meeting on 30th January
- Overview of what planners are recommending to the Committee
 - .. and what FFCC is going to say to the Committee
- Understand what the Planning Committee can decide - and what could happen next
- Perspectives from local councils, Westminster and NGOs
- Take home message:
 - be at Scarborough Town Hall on Friday!
 - be ready to continue campaigning if the Committee approves the application

What will happen on Friday?



- Lobby outside Town Hall
- Committee meeting begins 1.30pm in Council Chamber
- public gallery holds 60; may be live feed to another room; live on YouTube
- Four - possibly more - people to speak to the Committee (5 minutes each)
 - Europa; FFCC; Burniston Parish Council chair; Cllr. Derek Bastiman
- Planning Officer presents report and recommendation
- Committee members discuss, ask questions of Planning Officer
- Committee votes to approve, refuse or defer

Who is on the committee?



- 15 Councillors from all over North Yorkshire; nearest are Cayton and Whitby
 - 7 Conservative
 - 3 Independent
 - 2 Liberal Democrat
 - 2 Labour
 - 1 Green
- All have trained on dealing with minerals planning applications

FFS / FFCC Action on Friday



- What is planned? - *John Atkinson*
- Participant protocols - *Jenny Hartley*
- Police liaison, stewards and first aider - *Chris Garforth*

Planning Officer's report



- no material planning considerations that warrant refusal
- no adverse environmental impacts
- it's temporary (three years)
- no unacceptable impacts on local amenity, character of surrounding area and landscape, local highway network, ecology or the water environment, air quality or climate change
- **Recommendation:** "Planning Permission be granted subject to conditions" - 36 conditions; proposed condition re. flaring has been removed at request of Europa

What will FFCC say to the committee?

We are:



- **incredulous** that the meeting is even happening
- **frustrated and angry**
 - Europa has belittled and ignored local knowledge / lived experience
 - conditions to mitigate impact watered down / dropped at Europa insistence
- **surprised** that application doesn't fully comply with Minerals and Waste Plan
- **disappointed** with officers' report and recommendation
- **hopeful** that your site visit showed you what we see, not Europa's misrepresentation in their planning application
 - and that you will take all 1500+ objections into account in making your decision

Our call to the Committee



- We urge you to refuse permission for a proposal that is
 - incomplete, inconsistent and littered with misinformation
 - from a cash-strapped company
 - on the wrong side of
 - history
 - scientific opinion
 - government policy

View from parish and town councils



- *Cllr. Richard Parsons - Chair of Burniston Parish Council*

Alison Hume MP's view



- 'Ask Alison' events
- public statements
- Westminster Hall debate
- video message from Alison for tonight's meeting

National perspectives



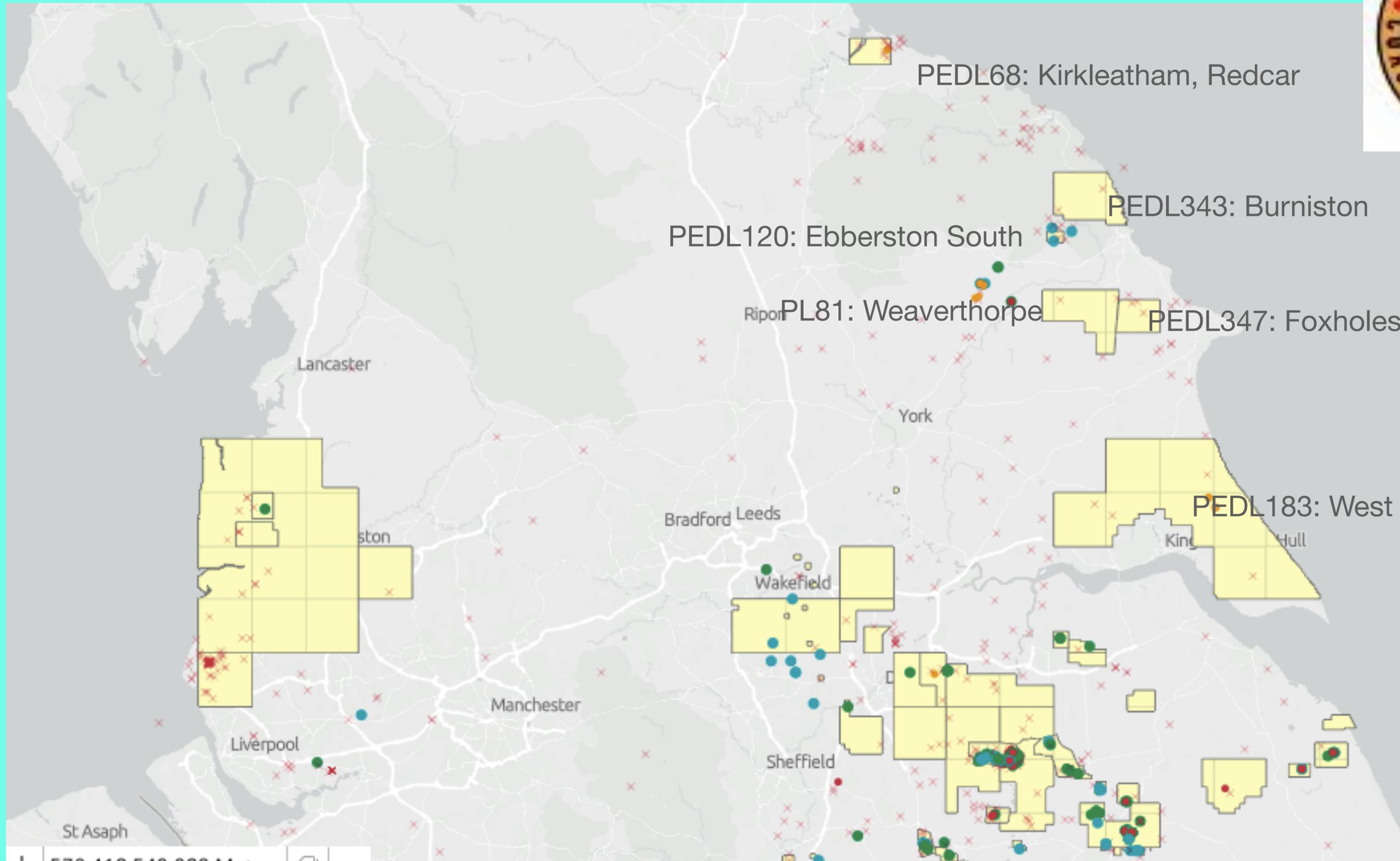
- *Steve Mason - North Yorkshire Councillor*
- *Simon Bowens - Friends of the Earth*

Europa/Egdon Yorkshire manoeuvres



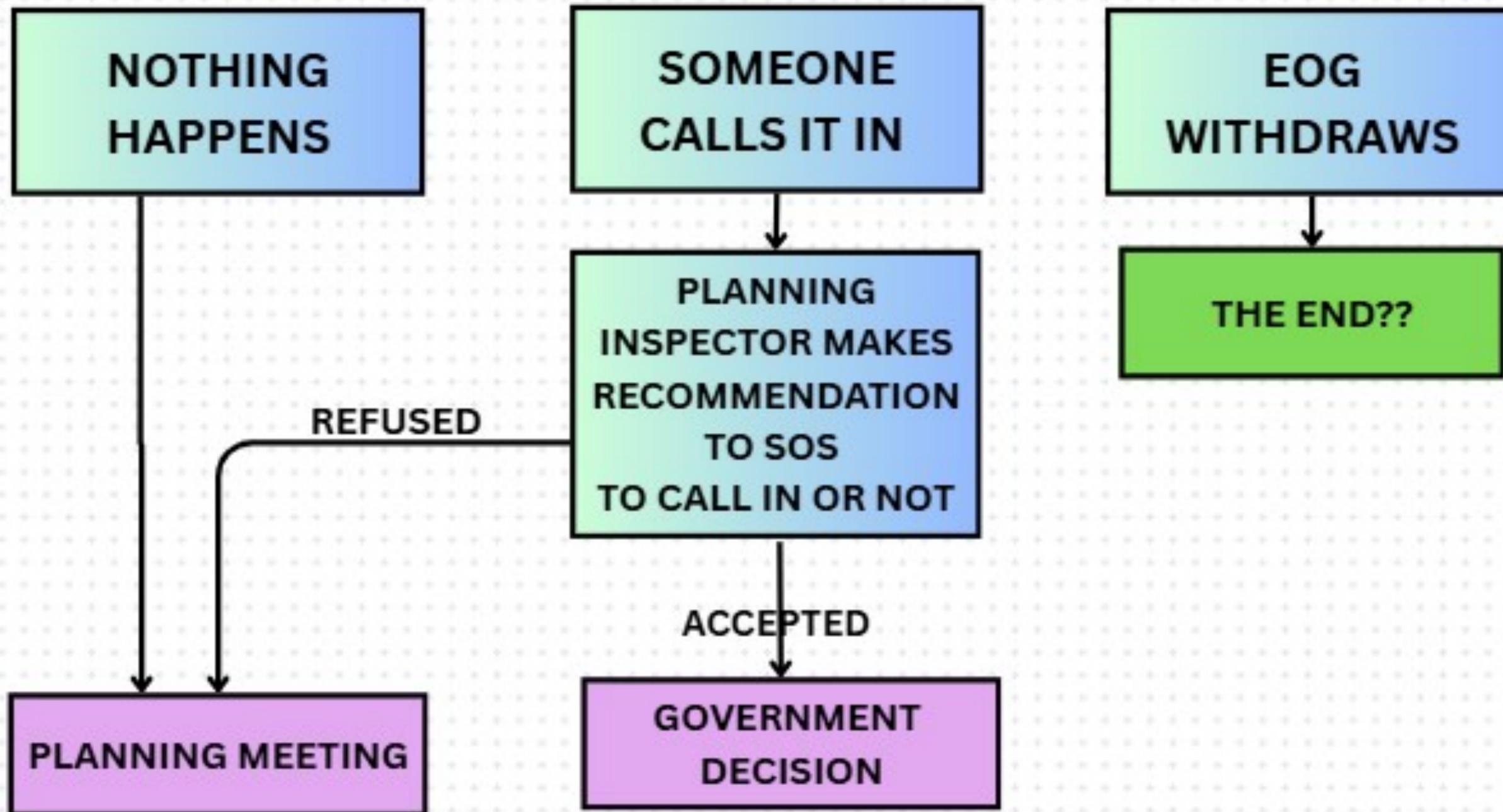
- Ebberston South (7 miles): Egdon Resources, Scarborough Energy, Ineos Upstream seeking permission to produce gas from existing (but undeveloped) well in NYM National Park
- Foxholes (11 miles): Egdon Resources: consultation began 30/05/2025 on proposal to explore for gas; North Yorks planning committee to decide on the application
- West Newton (35 miles): Rathlin Energy seeking permission for proppant squeeze at existing Newton A well site to increase flow of gas
- Wressle (50 miles): Europa Oil & Gas and Egdon Resources seeking permission to drill two new oil wells (in addition to the existing production well). Proppant squeeze carried out to increase oil flow in 2021
- Biscathorpe (67 miles): Egdon Resources has withdrawn its appeal against refusal of planning permission for gas well in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Areas under threat - extant licences

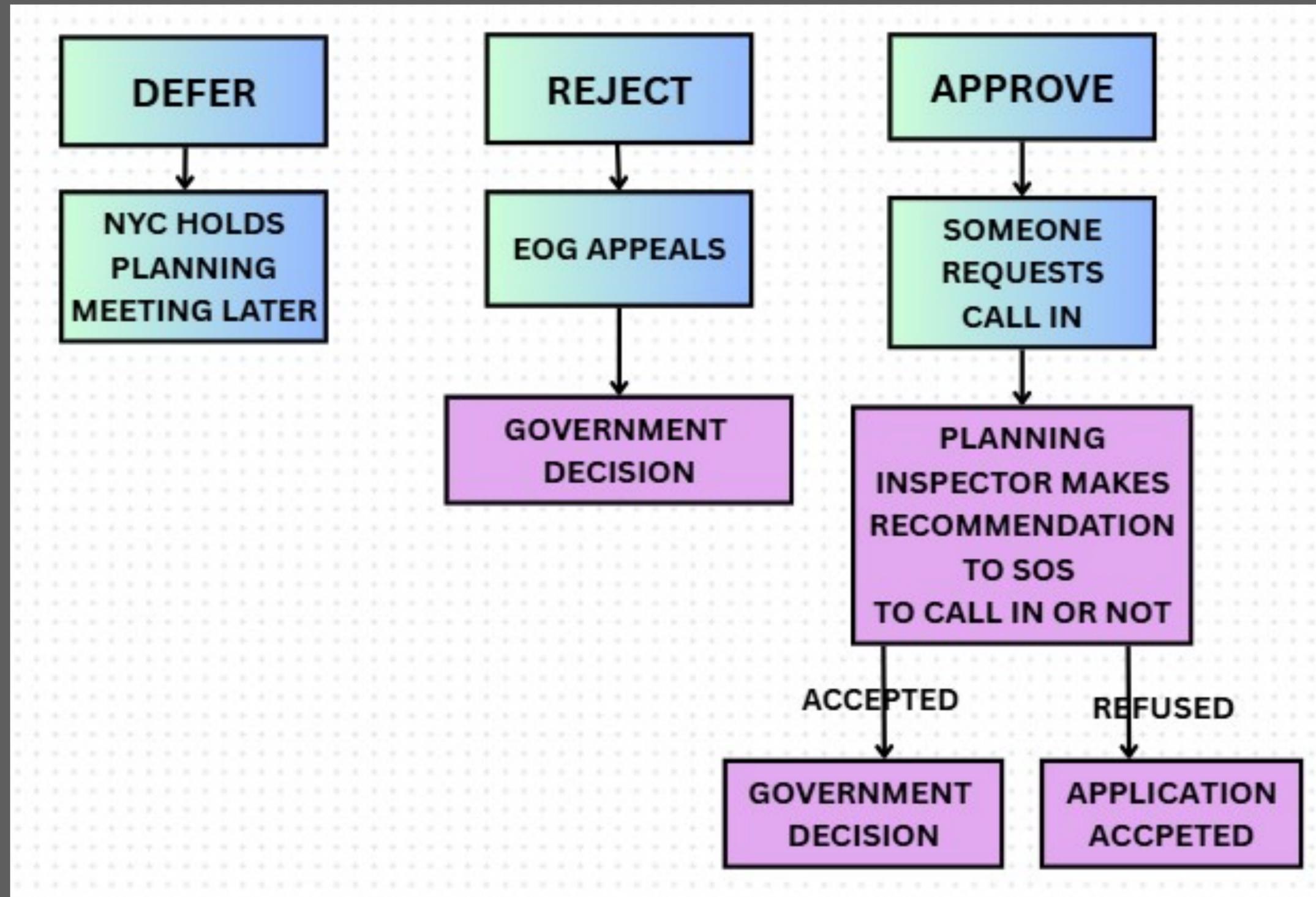


Source: NSTA
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Possibilities before planning meeting



Possible planning meeting decisions



Possible outcomes: role for FFCC?



GOVERNMENT DECISION

Anyone can ask the SoS to call it in - whoever asked is the main defender of the call in. Others can register as interested parties. Any party involved needs to be represented by a barrister and be willing to attend hearings.

JUDICIAL REVIEW COURT DECISION

A judge examines the lawfulness of a decision or action by a public body, ensuring they followed the correct procedures and didn't exceed their powers. It's a challenge to the process, not the outcome, and can lead to the decision being quashed (cancelled) if found unlawful, meaning the body might have to reconsider it lawfully. Held in London or a branch of the 'Administrative Court'.

