“Yorkshire gas for Yorkshire people”

“Let’s be clear, if we are successful, we will make another application, and it will create jobs and support the UK economy; it will also create gas that will be consumed here in Yorkshire”

Will Holland. CEO Europa Oil and Gas (Holdings) plc

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The above quote follows on from previous references Holland has used on local TV, radio and messaging. In particular ***“Yorkshire Gas for Yorkshire People”.*** He actually used this terminology at the Planning Committee meeting on the 24th of April and on various media platforms.

FACTS REGARDING THE GAS NETWORK IN THE UK

Northern Gas Networks (NGN) is Yorkshire’s distribution network operator. They do not generate gas but transport it through underground pipes to 2.9m homes and businesses in Yorkshire, the NorthEast and Cumbria. There are 37,000km of pipeline and this is termed as a low-pressure network.

Gas produced in Yorkshire would enter Britain’s interconnected wholesale system. At this point it transfers to the high-pressure **National Transmission System (NTS)**. **National Gas Transmission** participates in daily trading on the **On-the-Day Commodity Market (OCM)**. This involves buying and selling of the gas in order to keep the entire UK grid in balance.

The process would be as follows:-

- The operator would approach the relevant network operator, in this case, **Northern Gas Networks,** who operate a regional lower pressure system. **National Gas** operate the high-pressure **National Transmission System (NTS)** and manages direct NTS connections.
- A connection can be with the local network, or if technically and economically justified a direct link to the **National Transmission System** could be made. If by NTS the gas would have to meet quality, pressure, metering, safety, operational and capacity requirements.
- The operator would normally require gas treatment, filtration, pressure control and transfer metering.
- The operator would secure the connection, appoint a licenced shipper and agree with the relevant network codes and balancing arrangements.
- Once all approved, metered gas would enter the agreed network, normally the NTS.
- As the gas enters the commercial network, it mixes completely with gas from other sources including offshore and internationally imported gas. So, at this stage, the regionally produced gas could not be identified.
- National Gas would operate and balance the National Transmission System.
- **Ofgem** (Office of Gas and Electricity Markets) are responsible for regulating the gas market framework. They licence NGT, NGN, gas shippers and suppliers. Also set price controls and determine the investment and service outputs that must be delivered. Also oversee consumer protection and breaches of licence conditions.

Source: National Gas. Ofgem.

It cannot be stated that a molecule of gas couldn't find its way back into the local supply, but neither could it be treated or identified as gas reserved for Yorkshire's regional gas system.

Legally and physically, gas becomes part of a single commercial pool traded on the **On-the-Day Commodity Market (OCM).**

The **Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)** publishes the **Digest of UK Energy Statistics (DUKES)**. Their data confirms that onshore production accounts for a microscopic fraction of the UK's gas, less than 1%, meaning local regions rely on the National Grid system.

Production of natural gas continues to decline, down 3.4% in 2025 compared with 2024.

Production of natural onshore gas is at the lowest level since 1973.

Imports increased by 2.3% in 2025.

Exports increased by 12% in 2025.

Export of Gas from the UK as follows:-

Belgium 44%

Republic of Ireland 34%

The Netherlands 21%

Isle of Man 1.4%

Source: DESNZ. DUKES.Northern

Holland's reference regarding Yorkshire Gas is a weak and misleading statement. It has no relation to how the UK gas market actually works. Consumers in Yorkshire are more likely to be supplied by Norwegian gas (mainly through undersea pipelines), liquified natural gas (LNG), which was imported from eleven countries in 2025, USA being the main supplier, and UK offshore gas and other imports.

Source:DUKES

A limited field such as Cloughton would not materially change national supply or prices. There wouldn't be any guaranteed local benefit.