

## **Notice: PR4 3PJ, Cuadrilla Bowland Limited: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish oil and gas mining waste permits.

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Cuadrilla Bowland Limited
- Facility name: Preston New Road Exploration Site
- Permit number: EPR/AB3101MW/V003

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## **Press release: PM statement on NATO Secretary-General extension**

Secretary-General Stoltenberg has been a true champion of the NATO Alliance and the values it represents. He has made sure that NATO has stood strong but not stood still, meeting Russian aggression in eastern Europe while reforming to face developing threats such as cyber-attacks and hybrid-warfare.

The UK has always shared his desire to ensure that NATO keeps pace in an ever-changing environment. I am delighted that the Secretary-General will now have the opportunity to build on this and I look forward to continuing our strong partnership.

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## **Notice: DN6 7EX, Catplant Quarry Limited: environmental permit application advertisement**

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about

- how you can view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)

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## **Consultation outcome: Draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill 2017**

*Updated:* Updated the summary of responses to include Animal Welfare Research Network and Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association in the list of respondents.

We want to know what you think about our draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill which does two things. It states that animals are sentient beings and it increases the maximum penalty for animal welfare cruelty offences from 6 months to 5 years imprisonment.

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## **Policy paper: Draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill 2017**

*Updated:* Added a link to the summary of responses for the consultation carried out on this draft bill.

This paper, laid in Parliament on Tuesday 12 December 2017, includes the draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill 2017, and the explanatory notes that accompany it.

The draft bill would do two things. It would increase the maximum penalty for animal cruelty offences from 6 months to 5 years imprisonment, and it would ensure that animals are defined in UK law as sentient beings.

We sought views on our draft Bill and have published a [response to the consultation](#).