

FYLDE EXPLOITED

Welcome to our new newsletter *for residents and communities in the Fylde, written by residents and communities in the Fylde.*



Our aim is to balance the views which are being sent to you as if they were fact. We promise to write nothing which cannot be substantiated and will often quote Cuadrilla, the shale gas company which is operating in the Fylde.

You may first have heard of Cuadrilla two years ago, following the earthquakes in Blackpool. These resulted from the hydraulic fracturing (fracking) at Cuadrilla's drilling rig at Preese Hall. This rig is now abandoned and Cuadrilla are putting in planning applications to drill at Roseacre and Little Plumpton.

- These are exploratory wells (4 wells for six years).
- If shale gas is found and profit forecasts are good, production will follow (up to 40 wells for 20-30 years).

The whole of the Fylde sits on Bowland shale.....

.....yum, yum! What fracking profit potential..!!



Cuadrilla are excellent communicators and have a slick PR team (PPS in Manchester).

They have funds to produce glossy newsletters and put on a show. We can only have a whip round for funds!

BUT

We do find things out and share what we know with you.

Cuadrilla: “35-145 HGV vehicles use the roads around the Roseacre site daily.”

Fact: This number was recorded on Clifton Road, over the motorway, over 5 miles from the Roseacre site.

Cuadrilla: “[drilling] rigs will be 30-53 metres high.”

Fact: **All** the illustrations in Cuadrilla’s booklet “Emerging Findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment” produced for the community show 30m. rigs not 53m. rigs (NB an electricity pylon is 46.5 metres high).

Cuadrilla: “only two properties are likely to experience significant visual effects”.

Fact: The rig will be 30 metres or 53 metres high. Check out the visual impact of a pylon.

Cuadrilla: “site lighting will be installed for security purposes and to facilitate drilling during the hours of darkness.”

Fact: Cuadrilla used a photograph taken at **dusk** (not in the dark) at Anna’s Road site to illustrate light impact and concede “it is not possible to quantify the percentage increase in light levels”.



THIS ?



OR THIS ?

Not quite as reassuring on close inspection, and these are just examples of the reality behind the spin

Cuadrilla's PR firm PPS is employed to present the case as strongly and as non-threateningly as possible. It is doing a good job! Many people think "it's not near us, we will not know it's there and it will not make a difference to me".

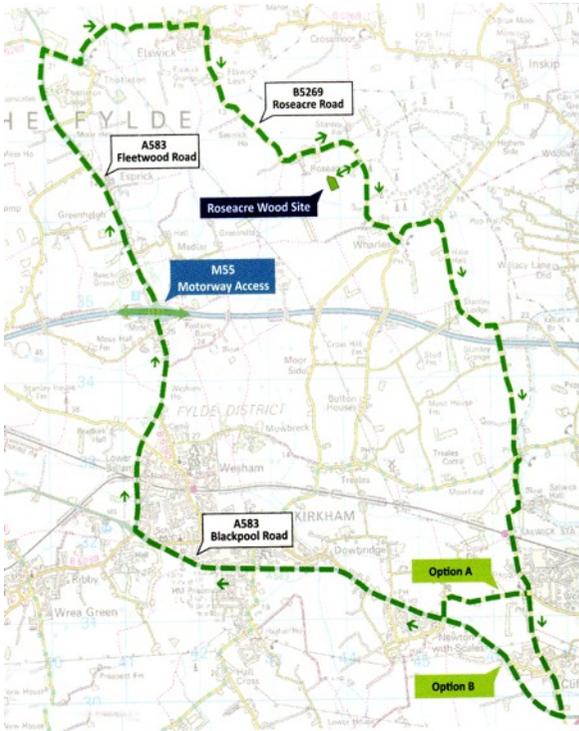
Cuadrilla: states that they have written to 9,000 homes, held information days and produced the Emerging Findings document.

Fact: Not all households on the proposed routes to and from the site were sent copies of "Emerging Findings".

No notes were taken of oral concerns expressed at the Information Days.

Cuadrilla says "feed-back was collated from staff ".....(A bit like asking Jose Mourinho to assess the ref's game!????)

Cuadrilla can demonstrate its commitment to a consultation exercise, as it must, but Cuadrilla collates and presents the findings! (Over to Jose again!!)



Cuadrilla: states that it will use "industry best practice" to operate and will comply with all Regulations.

Fact: Regulations are few and are outdated-never designed for on shore Shale Gas Operations (and even they have been ignored by Cuadrilla.)



**The impact of fracking will not be limited
It's a threat to us all now, and in the future.
LOOK CAREFULLY**

“We (ie Cuadrilla) are assessing as part of our road traffic management system the potential merits of allowing vehicles **(HGVs) to travel in convoy** to and from the site.”

“Site access will include **waiting areas** off the highway.” “This includes **roads along the nominated routes** being assessed and may include additional hard standing areas within the highway boundary.” (lorry parks?)
(Routes being assessed go through Clifton, Newton, Wharles, Roseacre, Elswick, Esprick, Treales and Moor Side)

“We would either monitor noise or appoint a specialist team.”

“We will monitor ambient air quality concentrations.”

“Tests [on well integrity] will be performed **by Cuadrilla** and by specialist contracting companies **employed by Cuadrilla.**”

This is called “self regulation” in the industry and is the equivalent of marking your own exam paper.

There is no independent check!!!

The whole of the Fylde sits on Bowland Shale and Cuadrilla attempted to extract gas by drilling at Preese Hall and caused two earthquakes in Blackpool in 2011.

In May 2014 Cuadrilla will put in a planning application to drill again this time at Roseacre and Little Plumpton.

Cuadrilla think that it is OK to put what is in effect a chemical processing plant within 300 metres of people's homes.

If this is acceptable in Roseacre, then why won't it be acceptable elsewhere, perhaps in a field next to your house or village

If you don't want this to happen and you do care about clean air, clean water, noise, vibration and pollution from heavy HGVs, gas and chemicals, **you have the opportunity to do something about it.**

You decide ---- You can influence ----- This is how-----

The Fylde residents and communities will have just 21 days to object, after Cuadrilla submit their planning applications. We will alert you when this happens and you can object. We will give any help that is required.

Better to act now than regret later.