

FYLDE EXPLOITED



BROUGHTON , WOODPLUMPTON & INSKIP THREAT.....

WHERE NEXT?

The Planning Officers' Recommendation to refuse permission for the fracking site at Roseacre Wood selected just two of the many forceful reasons to send Cuadrilla packing, noise and traffic. Broughton and Woodplumpton became aware of Cuadrilla's plans for bringing their six axle HGVs (count the number of pairs of wheels, only the whoppers have six!!) and their hazardous waste tankers up the A6 turning left at the traffic lights, past Broughton High School and along Woodplumpton Lane!

This is Cuadrilla's third attempt on their impossible quest to find a safe route for HGVs and tankers to the heart of rural Fylde. It's a desperate search. It also brings home to everyone that the tentacles of fracking spread far beyond the fracking sites and between the two Fylde communities at Roseacre and Wharles. There is no suitable or safe route towards Roseacre & Wharles.

PROPOSED ACCESS ROUTES:

- Route 1, from the A585 via Thistleton, Elswick and Roseacre.
- Route 2, from the A585 via Elswick, Crossmoor, Inskip and Wharles.
- Route 3A, from the A583 via Clifton, Salwick and Wharles.
- Route 3B, from the A583 via Clifton, Salwick and DHFCS Inskip site.
- Route 4, from the A6 via Broughton, Woodplumpton and Wharles.
- Route 5, from the A583 via Clifton, Catforth and Wharles

WHAT HAPPENED AT COUNTY HALL?

Lancashire County Council has agreed with Cuadrilla to extend the time allowed to decide the planning applications for shale gas development to 30 April 2015

On Friday 23rd and Monday 26th January County Councillors heard from a huge cross section of speakers and the only common characteristic was that **none of them was in the pay of the energy industry, or any industry or business with a vested interest** .

Amongst them was:

- A **representative of Lancashire Churches (including the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses)** who spoke movingly of stewardship of the land and social licence. He concluded that the case for fracking left fundamental questions unanswered and that the only just and prudent course of action was refusal of permission.
- A representative of the **Public Health Officials Organisation (Medact)** which established its independent credentials before launching into an unequivocal condemnation of the proposals in the interests of public health.
- **The Emeritus Professor of Geology from Glasgow University, Professor David Smythe**, who gave graphic warnings of the folly of fracking a heavily faulted geology like the Fylde, the threat to the aquifers (water sources) and the glaring distortions in the evidence used by Cuadrilla's agents Arup (*the same agents who think swinging a six axle HGV off the A6 at Broughton is safe!*). He referred to one diagram as a cartoon!

Cuadrilla were visibly shaken on Friday but on Monday came up with something "in support" of their new plans, including the traffic route/plan. **This still did not stop a disagreement between Mr Egan and their consultants Arup about exactly how many HGVs could be anticipated !!!!!**

Cuadrilla have been lining up some allies on the self-styled "independent North West Energy Task Force" which Cuadrilla itself funds.....who, strangely enough, are ready to assert that an economic Shangri-la awaits us in a shale gas boom!! But, there is mounting concern from agriculture, business, property and land agents, the tourist industry, self-employed and small employers which proliferate the area between the coast and Preston (not to mention opposition throughout the country).

Cuadrilla will fill just 11 full time posts at Roseacre

Farmers are supposed to be all for fracking but tractors don't drive themselves. The Countryside and Landowners Association and the NFU are warning members about the medium to long term risks. CLA President Henry Robinson stated that the focus had been "solely on the needs of the shale gas industry and fails to provide a balanced approach".



Farmers making their opposition clear at County Hall in January

More than 240 Lancashire businesses have already signed up to oppose fracking. Employers all across Lancashire are signing up to oppose fracking because they believe that there is no "**fracking and....**" but only "**fracking or....**" fracking or agriculture, fracking or livery yards, fracking or leisure & tourism, fracking or catering, or grain merchants, or agricultural machinery and on and on..

**"One of the key concerns for landowners is that they will be left liable for costs resulting from processes taking place on or under their land by operators whose interests are short term."
(Farming UK: 05.06.2014)**

Extravagant talk of employment opportunities resulting from fracking is JUST extravagant talk from: *the industry itself or its own suppliers or organisations funded by the industry.* Extravagant talk that shale gas will benefit consumers is JUST extravagant talk: Philip Lambert of Lambert Energy Advisory: "The idea that shale gas is going to save the UK energy market is laughable..." (*specialist evidence to House of Lords enquiry into the Economic Impact on UK Energy Policy of shale gas and oil, December 2013.*)

All the negative social and economic impacts of shale gas extraction included in the DEFRA Report were redacted (65 redactions in all) and MPs and Councillors have been refused sight of an uncensored copy

(Google: DEFRA Report into Impact of Shale Gas Extraction)

Shale gas exploitation is no longer seen as a credible future by many political leaders:

* Chair of the Commons' Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee:

"I don't think fracking is appropriate". Jan 2015

* Environment Audit Committee:

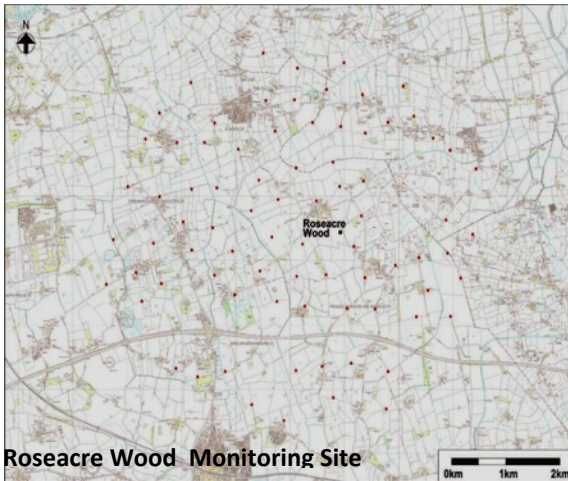
Shale gas is "inconsistent with our commitment", it "cannot be regarded as a transitional or bridging fuel", it "will not compete against a growing renewable sector." Jan 2015

The shale gas scenario is fading fast and will never deliver its extravagant promises.

AND REMEMBER, THE TWO APPLICATIONS FOR FRACKING SITES ARE NOT THE ONLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED. CUADRILLA HAVE ALSO APPLIED FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ON 194 MONITORING SITES

If passed each site will have planning permission for development. Strangely, no monitoring sites are needed at HMS Inskip or along the M55. No Seismology? Or no hope for further development.....????

“Now see where Cuadrilla will have a foothold”



SO WHY ALL THESE SITES?

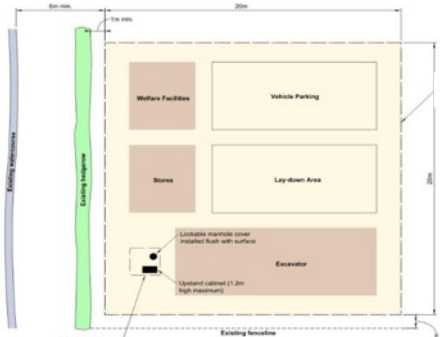
- Each of the sites (194 in all) will have development permission if the application is allowed.
- Cuadrilla could apply for change of use at any site in the future (many developers do this).
- If each site already has permission for drilling and development.....**Saying no to “more or similar” would be hard (impossible?) for planners.**

NOT MY PROBLEM?

As with the routes to the proposed site at Roseacre Wood in the heart of the Fylde the implications of fracking are far greater than they appear at first. These two vast arrays which cover much of the Fylde from Lytham in the south to Great Eccleston in the north and from Blackpool to Preston bring the industry to everyone's doorstep.

So perhaps, 194 potential sites (for further fracking?????)

Cuadrilla will say “Rubbish!”, “Scare mongering” “Sensationalism” “Trust us!” We say “think about it” : to make fracking viable many more than two sites will be required. Why should we risk our future in our area? Why should we put our trust in “operators whose interests are short term” ?



Monitoring Site Plan

DID YOUR PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO FRACKING AND THE TENTACLES OF FRACKING?

OBJECT to LCC Planning Dept., Ref LCC/2014/0101 & 0102
Your Parish Council, County Councillors, your MP, The Press