

NEWSLETTER –April 2018



Introduction

Welcome to the second monthly newsletter from Coal Aston & Dronfield Against Fracking (CADAF). The aim of this bulletin is to keep you posted of the most relevant updates in our campaign and provide information of how you can get involved or express your views in a manner that they can be heard and valued.

BBC QUESTION TIME IN CHESTERFIELD—Thursday 19th April

Bramley Moor Lane Public Enquiry Commences Tuesday 19th June 2018

On the strength of our victorious campaign to the Derbyshire County Councils planning committee in February, our attention now turns to the even more serious matter of the public enquiry which will decide the ultimate fate of Bramley Moor Lane. Both Derbyshire County Council and Ineos have hired top barristers and QC's to put forward their respective arguments to the enquiry and Eckington Against Fracking (EAF) is also represented at the enquiry by David Kesteven and Richard Pointer. All sides will have the opportunity to state their case and also cross examine the expert witnesses put forward by all sides. The enquiry is going to purely focus on planning matters but members of the public are able to make representation at the enquiry should they wish to do so. In order to make representation they would need to attend the first day of the enquiry by 10:00 am stating their desire to do so. They can also choose whether or not they wish to be cross examined by the board. They are under no obligation to be cross examined but your argument will carry more weight if you are prepared to defend it. It is vital that we have as many members present as possible, especially on the first day to show our strength of feeling for this frankly insane application. The location of the enquiry is the Market Hall at Chesterfield. A free bus service is being provided from Eckington by DCC and will also call through Dronfield at pre agreed locations. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this service must make this known to prominent members of either CADAF or EAF.

NOTE THAT THIS ENQUIRY IS THE LAST MAJOR HURDLE TO RIDDING MARSH LANE OF TEST DRILLING AND FUTURE FRACKING. IF YOU HAVE NEVER GOT INVOLVED UNTIL NOW THEN THIS IS THE TIME TO LEND YOUR VALUED SUPPORT.

LOOK NORTH SOFA PUSH

Harry Gration, Amy Garcia & Paul Hudson from Look North visited Marsh Lane on Weds 21st March during their fantastic sofa push challenge. The anti fracking community turned out in force, did not steal the limelight from the weary travellers who were keen to find out more about our campaign and left details should anyone wish to pass on further news. CADAF congratulates Harry, Amy and Paul on yet another splendid effort.



GOVERNMENT ALL PARTY GROUP Lee Rowley MP heads the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Impact of Shale Gas which looks at all matters relating to fracking and shale gas, and reports back to government with recommendations and findings. Louise Haigh MP, who also sits on this committee, and the new labour candidate Christine Peace will be meeting 2 members from both CADAF & EAF privately, on either the 11th or 14th May (to be confirmed), to discuss fracking and how we can work together. Anyone who wishes to be considered for this meeting should put their name forward by email to dronfieldagainstfracking@gmail.com.

EAF—DAY OF ACTION 23RD JUNE 2018 AT MARSH LANE—details to follow

LOCAL MINERALS PLAN DROP IN SESSION AT DRONFIELD LIBRARY

Derbyshire County Council is holding a drop in session at Dronfield Library on Mon 9th April to discuss the new draft minerals plan with county officers. This is another excellent chance to put forward your concerns on fracking and influence how the industry can be factored in or out of the future plan. The session runs from 11.30am to 6.30pm and everyone is encouraged to attend the event.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We have secured the use of Gosforth Lodge for further meetings for 5 months.

The dates are as follows:

25th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August.

All meetings commence at 7.15 pm and refreshments are available.

Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park, Callywhite Lane, Dronfield, S18 2XP.

The building has excellent disabled access