

NEWSLETTER – September 2019

Introduction

Welcome to the 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.

Check our website for the latest news: www.dronfieldagainstfracking.org



Earth Tremors At UK's Only Fracking Site

At the time of writing, fracking at the 2nd well pad at Preston New Road, has been suspended by the Oil & Gas Authority due to high seismic activity. Fracking commenced on 15th August 2019, and tremors have increased since that date, until a tremor of **2.9 magnitude**, was experienced by local residents over the August bank holiday weekend. Residents, including once pro frackers descended on the fracking site, and at Caudrilla's Lancashire offices, in protest at these tremors. Some superficial damage (cracking) has been recorded on residents property, coupled with other minor damage associated with seismic movement at this level. CADAF feels these seismic events further prove that fracking is both a backward step and unsafe. An Eckington Against Fracking member calculated this 2.9 tremor to be **251 times bigger, and a staggering 3981 times stronger than the 0.5 magnitude limit, set down by the fracking firms.** Scientists and local MP's are now calling for a review on fracking, over concerns that it is not a safe as they were led to believe. **REMEMBER, INEOS WANT TO DO THIS APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES AWAY!!!!!!** PLEASE HELP US TO FIGHT THIS RIDICULOUS AND HARMFUL INDUSTRY.



Methane Levels in Shale Gas Are Over Estimated according to a recent study by Nottingham University. Using a more up to date technique on 2 samples of shale, taken from Loughborough and Fylde in Lancashire the study concluded that the shale will release far less methane than earlier tests estimated. CADAF are hoping further tests will be carried out, and the threat of fracking is eliminated once and for all in our country.

Consultation on Measures to Reduce Personal Water Use—DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) are holding a consultation which closes on 11th October 2019. All our comments are invited, and again, whilst not fracking related, the fracking industry uses an immense amount of water, which will then be contaminated and not easy to recycle back into the main supply. Visit the DEFRA website <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/measures-to-reduce-personal-water-use/> and add your comments.

WHAT CAN I DO?

There are many ways in which you can help the fight against fracking. These include:

- Lobby your local, district, and county councillors stating your objections. Remember, they work for you, on your behalf.
- Write to your local MP who is Lee Rowley at 62 Market St, Eckington, Derbyshire, S21 4JH or email him at lee.rowley.mp@parliament.uk
- Attend an anti fracking meeting with ideas, offers of help, or just support other anti fracking campaigners.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We have secured the use of Gosforth Lodge for further meetings in 2019. The dates are as follows:

25th September, 30th October, 27th November, 29th January 2020, and 26th February 2020. All meetings commence at 7.15 pm and refreshments are available.

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

Excellent disabled access available.