

Hydrocarbons and Minerals sub group report to TSS Neighbourhood Forum Management Meeting 4.01.18

1. Draft Statement of Support

A draft Statement of Support was shown to the group and it was agreed this could be used to approach local representatives and bodies via the Neighbourhood Forum (list available), but also adapted for individual use.

2. District Council

Labour and Ashfield Independents have confirmed they are against fracking. This leaves three Conservatives in Hucknall, Ben Bradley, Kevin Rostance and Phil Rostance. If we could get their support we would have all Ashfield District Councillors on board.

3. County Council

a. The original copy of our petition* to NCC did not reach Samantha Deakin because of a postal problem but was delivered to Helen Ann Smith who presented it to the NCC Full Council Meeting on 18th January 2018. It will be passed to one of their other Committees for discussion and response.

(*as citizens of Ashfield to NCC asking them to deny permission for seismic surveys or fracking related activity in Ashfield or Nottinghamshire . Approximately 350 signatures).

Copies of the petition reached the PM and a District Councillor who discussed it with the Labour Group.

b. The Forum has been asked to comment on NCC Minerals Plan and a draft copy of this has been circulated and final copy sent to NCC, ADC and Jason Zadrozny who is on the NCC Policy Committee. Copy separate.

4. Gloria de Piero MP

Andrew Jenkins received the following reply, which we could follow up and ask her to support us.

'I am concerned that the Government is undermining clean energy investment in the UK. The Government's support for fracking, for example, risks locking us into an industry based on fossil fuels long after we need to have moved to clean energy I will continue to monitor this issue and to support a low-carbon economy in the UK.'

5. Summary of Opposition

The National Trust has written to INEOS on *Clumber Park*. Harriet has been at *Marriot's yard near Clay Cross*, taking Chris with her on one occasion, peacefully delaying transport in and out of the site thus costing Marriots money. After a year of opposition Cuadrilla hope to start hydraulic fracturing at *Preston New Road site in Lancashire*. Meanwhile, at *Kirby Misperton in Yorkshire*, Third Energy has still not been given final permission to frack by Greg Clark, dependent on financial information. The Guardian 5th January 2018 produced a report about earthquakes in *Texas* - some in areas where they haven't had earthquakes since the dinosaurs.

6. Next Film Night about Fracking

The group were reminded this will be Monday 29th January at Teversal Scout Hut and we have leaflets to distribute.

7. Medical information

Lis Reid passes on two Medact reports from Jeremy Wright. www.medact.org/resources/reports

8. Proposed Workshop

We could organise an event in the spring to unite all the potential 'anti-fracking' elements in the District and generate publicity. There was general discussion about this and various members volunteered to contact different organisations once details were known.

9. Next Frack-Free Ashfield Meeting

Will be held on Monday 19th February 2018, 7pm at Teversal Scout Hut, all welcome.

Delivered by Chris Goodall taken from documents previously produced by Andrew Jenkins.