

Statement by Roseacre Awareness Group



RAG represent local residents living near Cuadrilla's proposed Roseacre Wood site

PLANNERS AGREE MORE TIME FOR SHALE GAS DECISIONS - 23/04/15

We are not surprised that LCC have put the determination back to 30th June. We, together with several other groups, have submitted detailed objections to Cuadrilla's proposed mitigation measures which we believe are still totally inappropriate and unworkable. We hope the LCC planning officers take due note of all of our concerns not just on traffic and noise and recommend refusal at both sites. We object on the grounds of:

- Traffic
- Noise
- Public Health Impact
- Visual Impact
- Loss of Amenity
- Unacceptable Risks to Groundwater
- Unacceptable Risks to Air Quality

RAG have commissioned our own independent acoustic consultants whose report concludes that Cuadrilla's proposed mitigation measures are based on flawed data and assumptions and that the noise impacts on the local community will be far worse than that being suggested by Cuadrilla.

Whilst this delay enables us to strengthen our case and costs Cuadrilla money, it also prolongs the stress and anxiety of those people who will be most affected. Many people living near the site are extremely concerned about these plans and it is already affecting their health, financial security and peace of mind. People wanting to move away from the area are struggling to do so as no-one wants to move here with the prospect of fracking looming. This is in direct contradiction to what Cuadrilla are trying to make people believe. In 4 years they have not changed residents minds and have failed to get a single fracking site up and running!

Grassroots opposition is growing all the time across the Fylde, the UK and everywhere this industry puts communities under threat. More and more anti-fracking groups are being set up every day as growing awareness grows the opposition. This is not just individuals but local businesses and other social groups too. We will use this extra time to continue to build our case against fracking and continue to raise awareness of this damaging and dirty fossil fuel industry which has no place in our most precious rural areas. We will fight this all the way.

The Residents of Roseacre, Lancashire.

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