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Dear Friend,

Formby Labour Says No to Fracking

Labour's policy is to ban fracking and we will oppose the planning application at Great Altcar.

Please add your voice to the growing calls in opposition to this potentially dangerous and damaging plan to frack for gas at Great Altcar.

Fracking should be stopped completely in this country and there should be investment in renewables in order to meet our energy needs. Fracking is the opposite of what we need. Shale gas should be left underground.

We are facing a climate emergency. Shale gas, when burned, produces greenhouse gas emissions, like all fossil fuels. You cannot protect the planet from climate change and have fracking - the two just do not go together. Parliament recently declared a climate emergency and pledged to make the UK carbon neutral by 2050. Unless fracking is halted completely the UK will not meet this target.

I wrote to the Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick MP last week asking him to suspend Aurora's Great Altcar planning application after fracking near Blackpool had to be halted. I was alarmed to learn of earth tremors across Blackpool and the Fylde after Cuadrilla resumed fracking operations in the area. Constituents have raised concerns with me about the impact of fracking on their homes and businesses. You should not be put at risk of earth tremors caused by fracking.

I oppose fracking and voted against the fracking regulations. I have consistently called on the government to invest in renewable energy to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Fracking for gas is just adding to the damage being done by global warming and recent events near Blackpool suggest that there are significant local risks from fracking as well.

Aurora's planning application will be heard by Lancashire County Council as the site sits within West Lancs. To make a representation, please write including your full name and address to devcon@lancashire.gov.uk or to Development Control, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting ref LCC/2019/0037.

Congratulations to Frack Free Formby for their work opposing fracking and Aurora. Please use the information in their leaflets when you object to Lancashire County Council. Thank you Frack Free Formby and everyone who opposes the environmental vandalism of fracking.

Yours faithfully,

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