



# THE DEFENDER

## Fracking: Its Impact and the Risks we all Face

### What is Planned?

Cuadrilla's business case requires them to establish in the order of 3,000 wells in their development area in rural Fylde. This means around 120 well pads of 20,000 square metres each spread across the Fylde countryside. The environmental social and economic impacts of this on our local community must not be underestimated.

### What will the Impact Be?

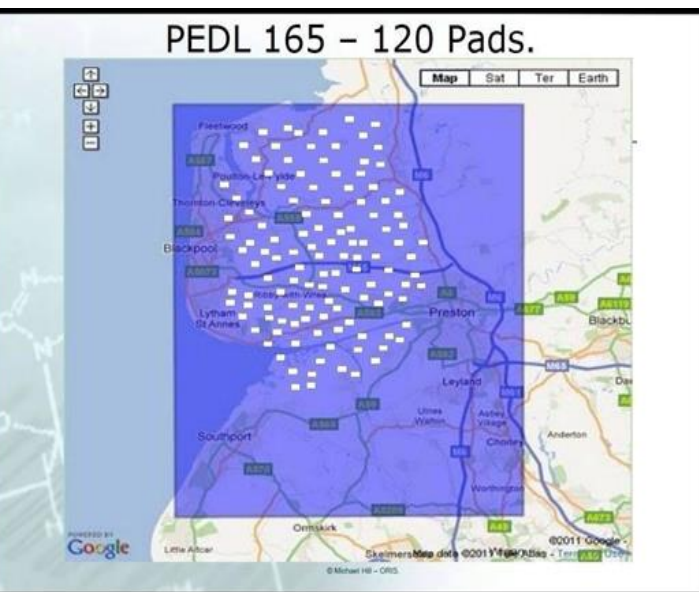
For these wells to be developed it will require infrastructure such as access roads, pipelines, plant and generators to be installed **changing the rural character of the landscape** and impacting on farming, wildlife and rural amenity.



*"There obviously are, in beautiful natural areas, worries about ... the trucks, and the delivery, and the roads, and the disturbance, and those are quite justified worries."*

Lord Howell

**For fracking to take place on the scale anticipated** by Cuadrilla we will be inundated with hundreds of tankers, transporting toxic chemicals to the well pads and contaminated flow back waste to treatment works. We will have to put up with wells being drilled and flared, methane gas emissions and drilling dust contaminating the air.



*"In years to come, does any sane person truly believe that injecting millions of gallons of chemicals into the earth beneath us, puncturing our protective rock and exposing the water we drink to the chemicals, whilst drawing trillions of cubic metres of gas from the same area and then transporting radioactive waste in huge quantities over 60 miles daily for years to come will not, at some point in the future, cause some form of disaster, illness, panic, earthquake or unforeseeable adverse event?"*

A Local Businessman

*"I asked my broker to find out if I was covered for the potential effects of fracking. The broker contacted 296 insurance companies and only 1 would cover this risk. And that at an insurance premium which was 37.5% higher."*

A Fylde Resident