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Press Release

Cuadrilla to Appeal Fracking Decisions

Defend Lytham have learned that Cuadrilla plan to appeal the recent Lancashire County Council decision to refuse permission for exploratory fracking at Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road.

Whilst this development is not unexpected, Mr Egan is correct when he says that that *“some people would prefer that [Cuadrilla] did not appeal”*¹

This appeal is particularly disappointing given the clear and unambiguous decisions relating to the fracking applications that have been taken by our elected representatives following due process.

Our own MP Mark Menzies has gone on record as saying that *“the decisions should be upheld and that he believed in localism when it came to making planning decisions.”*² We hope that he will now act on these words in the interests of his constituents.

Defend Lytham will continue to campaign, along with the other groups under the Frack Free Lancashire umbrella, to ensure that the principles of localism are upheld, and that decisions that have been taken by our elected representatives are not overturned as a result of pressure from central government, who appear to be intent on imposing fracking on communities without due regard to the potential impacts.

1. <http://www.cuadrillaresources.com/news/cuadrilla-news/article/cuadrilla-to-appeal-planning-application-refusals-for-lancashire-shale-gas-exploration-sites/>

2. <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/environment/environment/protesters-joyful-but-ready-for-cuadrilla-to-appeal-fracking-decision-1-7333200>

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