

Dear Cllr Kay Cutts, chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council Policy Committee,

I am writing to urge that you vote to deny permission for INEOS Shale to carry out seismic surveys on County Council owned land. The reasons for this are listed below. Please pass this to other members of the Committee.

- All but one of the seven sites are within the boundary of historic Sherwood Forest - an internationally recognised important area. And Manton, Warsop, Shirebrook and Gorsethorpe are within the 'Heart of Sherwood Forest' as documented in a 2008 County Council commissioned report:
<http://tinyurl.com/sherwoodforestrp>
- Seismic surveys have been known to cause damage as documented in other parts of the UK
 - One County Council site is at Shirebrook Angling Club. In East Yorkshire seismic surveys undertaken by Rathlin Energy caused a drop in the level of water in a nearby fishing lake, which Rathlin then instructed the local water company to add chlorinated water to top it up. The business owned lost £1000 a week due to this. Rathlin accepted responsibility initially then reneged on this later, resulting in the business owner taking legal action <http://tinyurl.com/sseastyorkshire>
 - In East Yorkshire damage was caused to properties and this was acknowledged by Rathlin Energy. Rathlin agreed to pay compensation but only if residents signed a 'gagging order'
 - In West Lancashire in July 2016, residents felt the walls of their home shake, whilst others raised concerns for livestock and there were also reports of dogs bolting
 - In Cheshire in August 2016, a family claimed that seismic testing caused cracks in the walls of their home and sent picture frames crashing to the floor
- The National Trust have led the way in refusing permission for seismic surveys in Clumber Park. And at least 14 parish councils have also refused permission for surveying. INEOS have not pursued legal action against any of these organisations <http://tinyurl.com/nt-seismic-surveys>
- Cheshire West and Chester Council refused seismic testing on their land <http://tinyurl.com/st-cheshire>
- In an area of extensive former mining activity, seismic testing runs the risk of triggering earth tremors or subsidence events
- Seismic surveys are the first step towards fracking: industrial, invasive gasfield development
 - A tender advert for seismic surveys published by INEOS have revealed that their ideal scenario is to drill 10 wells per square mile <http://tinyurl.com/ineostender>
 - The majority of hundreds of academic studies on the health and environmental impacts of fracking impacts suggests the threats of water and air contamination are real. 9 professors of medicine and 9 other senior medical personnel have called for a ban on fracking in the British Medical Journal <http://tinyurl.com/shalestudies>
 - Developing a gasfield is a policy choice to continue to rely on natural gas, a cause of global warming, when we need to transition away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible and take steps to radically reduce our need for energy. Methane leakages make this process worse for the climate than coal <http://tinyurl.com/shaleclimate>
 - INEOS wants this gas partly as a feedstock to make plastics but the world's oceans and landscapes are awash with plastic pollution and having a serious impact on fish stocks and marine ecosystem. There is too much plastic already <http://tinyurl.com/frackingplastics>
 - INEOS have a disastrous track record on safety and health <http://tinyurl.com/ineostrackrecord>

Yours Sincerely

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