



## Hydrocarbon and Minerals Group

Together with many other local democratic institutions throughout the country, the Group has been working intensively to oppose '*Permitted Development*' for Fracking. This removes the need for planning approval and ***means that drilling requires less local government clearance than building a garden shed!***

As a result of these efforts, many large and small local Councils including Nottinghamshire have come out in opposition. Lee Rowley MP (Con NE Derbyshire) has put forward a private member's bill to prevent it. We have been in regular contact with our MP Gloria de Piero, who also opposes it.

Locally, drilling for Fracking has ended at Tinker Lane (no gas) but is pressing ahead at Misson (North of Retford), where there is strong opposition. In an important decision the Court of Appeal has overturned a "draconian and anti-democratic" injunction against protesters obtained in 2017 by INEOS. Some of us may go there for a ***Frack Free Misson Solidarity Day on Easter Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> April). All welcome!***

Jeremy Corbyn recently spoke out against the government's fracking proposals, which would release the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions as almost 300 million new cars, fatally undermining ministers' obligation to tackle the escalating crisis, according to new research.

We had to postpone our Information Event on Fracking and Earthquakes in the Coalfield (because of Andrew's illness) and we plan to hold it later in the year. Mike has also suggested (based on the example of Bristol City Council's declaration of a climate emergency) that the effect on climate change should influence Forum decisions across the board. We will discuss this and other ideas at the ***next meeting of Frack Free Ashfield, which will be in the Manor Room at 7.00 pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.***

***Please come if you can!***