



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, ***Nottinghamshire County Council decided unanimously to make a submission opposing this new use of 'Permitted Development.'*** Many local councils and MPs have also done so, including many Conservative councillors.

We are now awaiting a decision on this from Central Government (which seems rather preoccupied at present...). Drilling for Fracking has ended at Tinker Lane (no gas) and Fracking has been (temporarily?) stopped in Lancashire, but the future activities of the Fracking companies are not clear.

The Group is now extending its work by encouraging provision for Carbon Neutral Development in the District Local Plan and in the new Forum objectives.

We are also planning another Information Event on Fracking and Earthquakes in the Coalfield, to take place during the first half of 2018.