

# FRACKING HAS NOT BEEN BANNED



Frack Free Formby— Spring 2020 Newsletter



Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2020. The Frack Free Formby Steering Group would like to thank residents of Formby and various parts of the UK for their continued support. Particular thanks to those of you who responded to the call to send letters of objection to Lancashire County Council, to reject the Planning application to construct a Fracking well site in Great Altcar. Unfortunately **FRACKING HAS NOT BEEN BANNED**, contrary to popular belief.

The local application from Aurora Energy, to drill a test well at Great Altcar, is not included in the current moratorium. The application is being progressed with Lancashire County Council now!

Detailed below is information on the current status of the application. Lancashire County Council are meeting to consider a ruling on the application on 27<sup>th</sup> March. The NEW deadline date for receipt of objections is 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## LATEST NEWS ON AURORA'S PLANNING APPLICATION

Lancashire County Council (LCC) sent a statutory (Regulation 25) letter to Aurora on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 requesting additional information in support of its planning application to construct fracking wells on a site at Great Altcar. The issues covered largely reflected concerns raised by a number of consultees about a range of aspects of the application i.e.

Wellsite construction (including the intended height of the drilling rig)			
Green belt incursion	Ecology	Seismicity	Highways
Archaeology	Climate change	Noise	
Groundwater/surface water		Air quality	

Despite the impending general election, Aurora apparently provided a comprehensive response (in five parts) to LCC's Regulation 25 letter on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Although such responses from planning applicants would normally be expediently displayed on its planning portal, this did not happen until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This was the same day that The Moss Alliance's objection report was submitted to LCC with a request that it be published online. The recent responses from Aurora can be viewed at the bottom of page 4 of the 'attachments' to application reference LCC/2019/0037.

Much of the general public think Fracking has been banned. Well it HAS NOT, and neither has the building of Fracking wells been stopped.

This is a temporary respite on the action of the "fracturing" part of the process, until proven to be 'safe'!

There is NOTHING to stop the construction of well sites with all the resulting damage to the countryside and ecology.

There is NOTHING to stop the onslaught of HGV's needed to build and service the site, with its associated dangers, disruption and pollution

There is NOTHING to stop the construction of the proposed 60 metre high drilling rig.

There is NOTHING to stop 'drilling under the ground' including under Formby.

At present the only way of stopping this happening at Great Altcar is for Lancashire County Council to reject the Planning Application submitted by Aurora.

To help LCC form this determination, we, the residents of Formby must put in our objections by the thousand.

The above information is particularly important for those of you who were not able to raise your objections. None of us can rely upon 'someone else doing it'. There were approximately 800 "letters of objection" received by LCC! More are needed.

Frack Free Formby have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of Fracking, all we ask is for a final push from as many members of the public as possible, and get their objections in.

Please make your concerns known, and send in your objections to stop this destruction not just of OUR Formby, but of OUR planet.

Go to our website for more information: [www.frackfreeformby.org](http://www.frackfreeformby.org)

#### You can raise an individual objection via:-

Email: [devcon@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:devcon@lancashire.gov.uk)

In writing: The Development Management Group, PO Box 100,  
County Hall,  
Preston, PR1 0LD

Or via Lancashire's planning Portal and follow the link [How to have your say](#) . Then click on [make a representation online](#)

In each case please quote reference LCC/2019/0037 and the location. ALTCAR MOSS WELLSITE, SUTTON'S LANE, Great Altcar  
...and state "I object because....."



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