



December 10th 2014

Dear Prime Minister Cameron,

We write to you on a matter of considerable public importance.

Your Government is promoting a fracking agenda and has stated its commitment to go ‘all out for shale gas’, but a significant proportion of UK citizens are opposed to fracking. There are currently over **200** residents’ anti-fracking campaign groups nationwide. *Frack Free Sussex* alone now has over 10,000 followers. These groups are made up of ordinary British citizens, and there are many more, in smaller village groups, who also resist fracking and who are deeply concerned about its potential future impacts on the environment, their health, the values of their homes and more besides. As you are aware changes to the fracking trespass law are opposed by 74% of the public. Support for fracking in Great Britain had declined to just 24% in August of this year.

Within a report published by the Government’s own Chief Scientific Adviser, Mark Walport, came the warning that fracking has the potential to be as damaging as thalidomide, tobacco and asbestos—a finding that places fracking alongside some of the most serious and scandalous failures to protect public health of the last 60 years or more. Yet despite this, and despite widespread public opposition, your

Government appears committed to the construction of a pro-fracking narrative. Launching the UK Energy Centre's report on 12th November 2014, Professor Jim Watson (the UKERC Research Director) told BBC News that it is 'extraordinary that ministers keep making these statements. They clearly want to create a narrative. But we are researchers—we deal in facts, not narratives. . . . Shale gas has been completely oversold'.

It is even more troubling, in the light of the above, that the human rights implications of fracking have been ignored by your policy narratives. To remedy this, a report commissioned by the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation was delivered to Downing Street on the 26th November 2014 for your personal attention. The report, entitled 'A Human Rights Assessment of Hydraulic Fracturing in the UK', calls for a complete moratorium on all fracking operations until a full, transparent, industry-independent Human Rights Impact Assessment has been completed. Fracking endangers important human rights: the right to life and to security of person; the right to respect for home and private life—as well as centrally important international human rights such as the right to water and to health. This report—and its powerful message on behalf of ordinary people—was brought to the attention of the European Parliament by campaigner, Geza Tarjanyi, on Dec 1st. and is now receiving support from EU politicians.

We urge the UK Government to issue a moratorium on all fracking operations until such a time as a full, independent, evidence-led Human Rights Impact Assessment has been undertaken and placed in the public domain.

Signed,

Bianca Jagger

205 UK Residents' Groups as follows:-

Adisham Against Fracking
Anti Fracking International
Anti-Fracking Network
Anti-Fracking Renfrewshire
Anti-Fracking Warrington
Anti-Fracking West and Mid-Wales
Artists Against Fracking
Artists Against Fracking Northern Ireland
Ash Against Fracking

Balcombe and Beyond
Balcombe Community Protection Camp
Ballinlea Residents Group
Ballymoney Council Against Fracking
Ban Fracking in Herefordshire
Barton Moss Protectors
Bassetlaw Against Fracking
Battle for Crawberry Hill
Belcoo Frack Free
Belfast Not For \$hale
Berkshire Against Fracking
BIFF! Britain & Ireland Frack Free
Blackpool & Fylde College Anti Fracking
Campaign
Bolton Against Fracking
Bore Free Eastry
Borras & Holt Community Protection Camp
Breathe Clean Air Group
Brighton Action Against Fracking
British Anti Fracking Network
Bromley Against Fracking

Central FoE
Chichester Anti-Fracking Forum

Clydebank Anti Frack
Clydebank Yes or No?
Common Grounds, Edinburgh South

Denny & Dunipace Against Unconventional
Gas (D&DAUG)
Don't Frack the Briggs
Druids Against Fracking

East Dunbartonshire Against Unconventional
Gas Extraction
East Kent Against Fracking
East Yorkshire Frack Free
Ellesmere Port Frack Free

FFAN Fermanagh
FFBRA (Frack Free Balcombe Residents
Assoc.)
FFS (Fleetwood Folk Say) No to Fracking
Frack Free & Against Onshore Drilling
Leicestershire
Frack Free & Against Onshore Drilling
Burton on the Wolds
Frack Free Arun
Frack Free Billingshurst (Keep Billingshurst
Frack Free)
Frack Free Blackpool
Frack Free Burnley
Frack Free Chorlton
Frack Free Cleveland
Frack Free Dee
Frack Free Derbyshire
Frack Free East Anglia
Frack Free East Yorkshire
Frack Free Essex
Frack Free Families
Frack Free Farndon
Frack Free Fernhurst
Frack Free Freckleton
Frack Free Fylde

Frack Free Handbridge (Chester)
Frack Free Harrogate & Knaresborough
Frack Free Hebden Bridge
Frack Free Horley
Frack Free Horsham District
Frack Free Hull & Holderness
Frack Free Ince, Elton, Helsby & Frodsham
& Thornton Le Moors
Frack Free Isle of Wight
Frack Free Kent
Frack Free Lancashire
Frack Free Lincolnshire
Frack Free Llantrisant
Frack Free Malpas
Frack Free Markwells Wood
Frack Free Mayfield & Five Ashes
Frack Free Mickle Trafford
Frack Free Newport
Frack Free North West
Frack Free North Yorkshire
Frack Free Nottinghamshire
Frack Free Pendle
Frack Free Porthcawl & Bridgend
Frack Free Pulborough
Frack Free Rowlands Castle
Frack Free Ryedale
Frack Free Sandwich
Frack Free Salford
Frack Free Scarborough
Frack Free Skelmersdale
Frack Free Solent
Frack Free Somerset
Frack Free South East
Frack Free South Yorkshire
Frack Free South Wirral
Frack Free Stockport
Frack Free Stockton
Frack Free Surrey
Frack Free Sussex
Frack Free Tameside

Frack Free Tyne & Wear
Frack (UCG) Free Swansea
Frack Free Upton (Chester)
Frack Free Wales
Frack Free Whitstable
Frack Free Wrexham
Frack Free York
Frack Off Ayrshire
Frack Off Fife
Frack Off Bearsden and Milngavie
Frack Off Llanelli
Frack Off Midlothian
Frack Off Stewarton & District
Frack Off West Lothian - F.O.W.L
Fracked Swansea
Fracking Earthquakes Worldwide
Fracking Free Ireland
Fracking Free Ireland – Brussels
Fracking Hell UK

(GAF) Garstang Against Fracking
Gas Field Free Coventry
Gas Field Free Mendip
Gas Free Stoke
Get the Frack Out the Mendips
Global Ban on Fracking
Glossop & The High Peak District Against Fracking

Hands Off our Scotland
Harrogate District against Fracking
Hastings & Rother Say NO to Fracking
Haydon Frack Free
H.E.Y. (Hull & East Yorkshire) Frack Off
Heathfield Against Fracking
Highlands & Islands Against Fracking
Horse Hill Protection Group
Horsham Against Fracking
H.U.G.E Halt Unconventional Gas
Extraction, Cumbernauld

Hull & East Yorkshire Against Fracking
Hyndburn Anti Fracking Group

International Collaboration Against Fracking
& Goldmining
Irlam & Cattishead Frack Free

Keep East Lancashire Frack Free
Keep Kirdford and Wisborough Green

Keep Shepherds Well Well
Keep Wiltshire Frack Free
Keep Your Fracking Hands Off Neath Port
Talbot
Knitting Nanas Balcombe

Lamp Fermanagh
Lewes Against fracking
Llantriythd Villagers Against Drilling
Longridge Against Fracking

Mereside United Frack Fighters (MUFF)
Mothers Against Fracking
N.E. Wales Anti-Fracking Action
Newbald Against Fracking
No Fracking in Balcombe Society
No Fracking Ireland
No Fracking NB (North Berwick, Scotland)
No Fracking Northern Ireland
No Fracking Way! Beacons Anti-Fracking
Group
No Nuclear Dumping
Not For Shale

Our Forth - Portobello (Against
Unconventional Gas)

People Against Unconventional Gas & Oil
Preston New Road Action group
Protect Our Coast & Glens, Antrim

Protect Our North Coast (PONC)
Protect Our Purbeck
Protectors' Travelling Fund

Radiation Free Lakeland
Radstock Action Group
RAFF (Residents Action on Fylde Fracking)
Rathlin Basin Residents
Ribble Estuary Against Fracking (REAF)
Ribchester Against Fracking
Roby Residents Action Group - Against Fracking!
Rosacre Awareness Group (RAG)

Safe Energy Wales
Say No to Fracking Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Wrexham & Chester
Say No to Toxic Gas Drilling in the Vale
Scotland Against Fracking Facebook Group
Scottish Pagans Against Fracking
Scots Against Fracking
Sefton Against Fracking
Shotts - Get Shot of Fracking & UGE
Singleton Against a Fracked Environment
South Lanarkshire Against (Unconventional) Gas
South Wales Against Fracking Festival
Students Against Fracking
Sussex Frack Free Food Alliance
Sussex Hampshire Awareness Fracking Trust(ed) S.H.A.F.T.(ed)

Tamilians Against Fracking
The Nanas of Lancashire
The Northern Anti-Fracking Hub
The Vale Says NO, Vale of Glamorgan - S. Wales
The Warriors Call - Pagans United Against Fracking
Thornton Unites Against Fylde Fracking

Trafford & Davyhulme Frack Free

Warrington Against Fracking
West Dunbartonshire Against UCG
West Kent Against Fracking
West of Scotland Against Fracking
Whitstable Against Fracking
Wirral Against Fracking
Worthing Against Fracking

Signed and delivered by hand on behalf of all those above by:-

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