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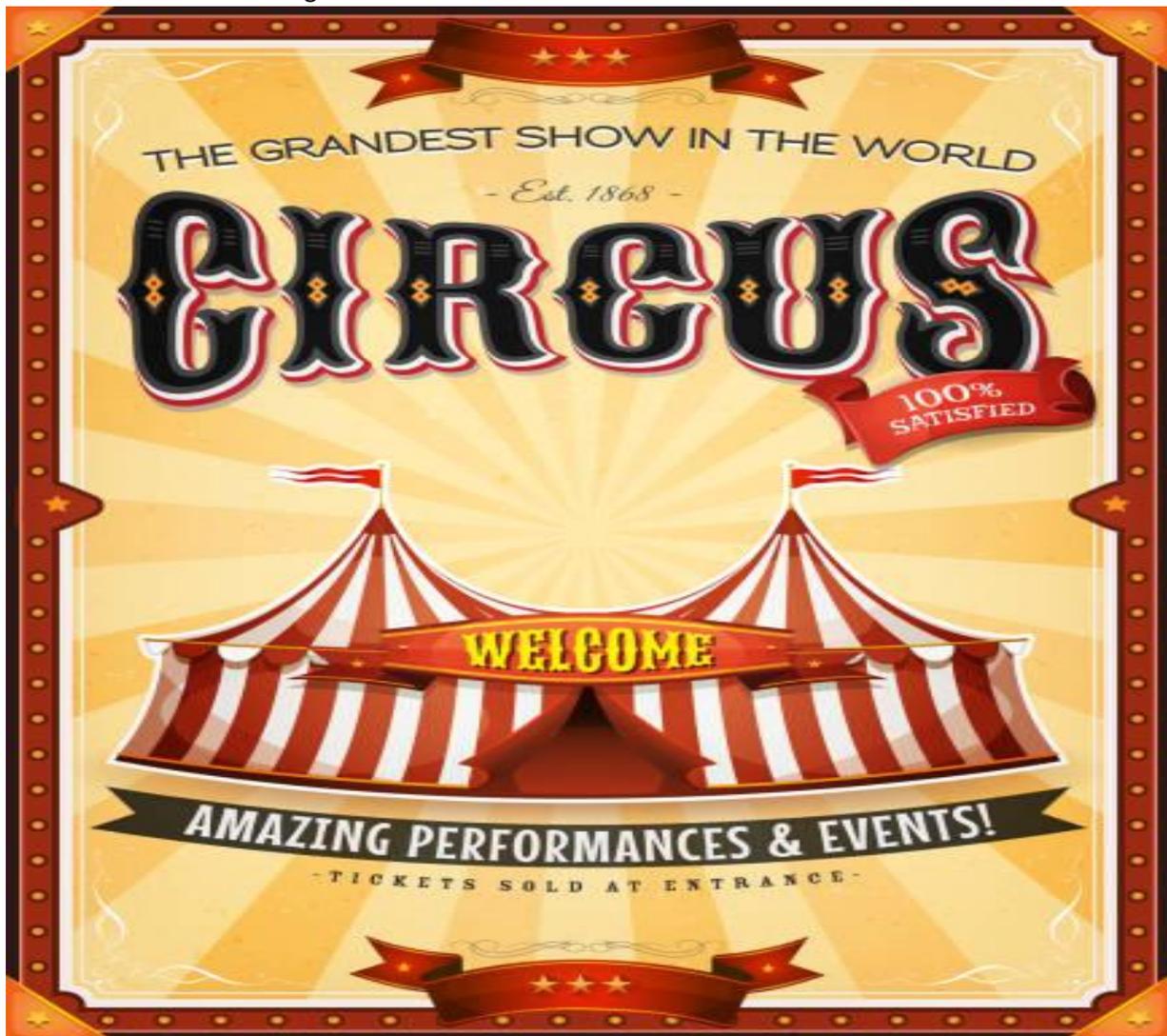
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Venue of Our Next Anti Fracking Community Meeting

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*“it is in no one’s interest—in Government, in local government or in a community—for the planning process to be where it is today. We are stuck in a morass of protest and countervailing information. Frankly, I pity any local councillor who gets an application on their desk, because they will shortly have **a travelling circus of protesters** to deal with, most of whom do not hail from the areas where these sites are located. We then have policing issues and protesters blocking roads and **preventing young children from getting to hospital**. That is an entirely unacceptable way to express democracy in our country.”*

Claire Perry 12.09.2018

WHAT??? Are you serious Ms Perry?



I think you should understand Ms Perry, we are residents, we live here, we work here, we raise our children here, we are friends and neighbours, our schools and hospitals are here, our lives are here in our community.

We know this area, we understand the geology, the old mine workings, the winding country roads, the ecology, but more than that we know what is right for our communities.

We are nurses, Doctors, Health Professionals, Accountants, Engineers, Plumbers, Office Workers, Geologists, Shop Workers, Gardeners, Retirees, and countless other professions. We are men, women and children, wives, husbands, fathers, mothers, grandparents, sons and daughters. Do you really, truly believe that any one of us would ‘prevent young children getting to hospital’? The very children we are fighting to protect? Our roads are more likely to be blocked by the vehicles that arrive with the fracking circus.

More than that we are intelligent people, we have done our research and we know one thing for sure, **Fracking is wrong for our communities.**

Drill or Drop?

Government warned it could lose vote over changes to shale gas planning rules

BY [RUTH HAYHURST](#) ON [SEPTEMBER 12, 2018](#) •

The government was warned this morning to drop proposals to change the planning rules on shale gas.

MPs from all parties lined up in a parliamentary debate to criticise the ideas, announced in May and currently being consulted on.

They would classify fracking shale gas developments as permitted development without the need for planning applications. Decisions on major production schemes would be made by ministers rather than local authorities

Lee Rowley MP said

“they take people out of a process that it is vital for them to be part of so that they have their opportunity to speak and to highlight why things are appropriate or inappropriate for their local area and why their environment will be so affected if these things go ahead.

“I hope that, at the end of the consultation, the Government will listen and this will not go forward.”

“That application simply to explore, which would be allowed under permitted development rights, would mean the imposition of heavy industrial equipment for five years. It would be the equivalent of pouring two football fields’ worth of concrete into an area that has not been changed since the 1695 enclosure Act, and putting a 60 metre-high drilling rig up there for six to nine months.”

“Whether people agree or disagree with it—I disagree—we have to give people the opportunity to voice their opinions.”

Mark Menzies MP said

“Were we to go down the permitted development route, the concerns raised by residents about traffic planning at Roseacre Wood [Cuadrilla’s second proposed site in Lancashire], which will probably kill it as a suitable site, would not be considered, and that the proposals the Government have laid before us are quite frankly bonkers?”

“This is such an important issue. There is no way that any government can meet its climate change targets with fracking.”

“We are putting the lives of our children, the lives of the next generation, at risk. This issue is at our core.”

“We will link and work cooperatively with other political parties like the Greens who are opposing fracking.”



John McDonnell, 12th September 2018

“We have to use every effort we can to campaign against fracking proposals. When the general election comes, this will be one of the key issues in that debate.”

Somerset Live 15.09.2018 **Stephen Sumner**

Why city leaders think fracking could be 'catastrophic' for Bath

'It's nothing short of a crime,' a councillor said during a vote on the controversial practice

Doncaster Free Press **George Torr 14.09.2018**

Councillors to vote on motion to ban any future use of fracking in Doncaster

Blackpool Gazette **Tim Gavell 12.08.2018**

MP brands Government plans to speed fracking planning as 'bonkers'

Derbyshire County Council website

Our Council Leader Barry Lewis has spoken out about Government consultations which could lead to planning proposals for shale gas development no longer being decided locally.

Councillor Lewis is opposed to:

- Making underground drilling using a rig to investigate how much shale gas is present in an area 'permitted development' - which means shale gas companies would no longer need to apply for planning permission to do this work.
- Giving a Government minister responsibility for deciding whether proposals to set up a full commercial fracking operation should go ahead - which means local councils would no longer make decisions about these applications.

Manchester Evening News Paul Britton and Nick Statham 13.09.2018

- **Council unites to demand withdrawal of government plans to 'fast-track planning permission for fracking'**
- **Bury council passes emergency motion calling for the withdrawal of new Government fracking plans**

Cuadrilla spends all Centrica's funds

The Times Emily Gosden 10.09.2018

Cuadrilla and its partners have burnt through at least £60 million in their Lancashire shale gas operations before even beginning fracking.

The private equity-backed shale gas explorer has tapped its shareholders for a further \$6 million in recent months after exhausting the funds provided under a deal with Centrica, the British Gas owner.

“ Fracking is the worst thing I've ever seen. Those of us in the public health sector started to realise years ago that there were potential risks, then the industry rolled out faster than we could do our science.

Now we see those risks have turned into human harms and people are getting sick. And we in this field have a moral imperative to raise the alarm. ”

Dr Sandra Steingraber
Concerned Health Professionals of New York
Physicians for Social Responsibility

TALKFRACKING

EcoWatch Olivia Rosane 14.09.2018

One Dead, 25 Injured as Gas Explosions Rock Massachusetts Towns

More than 60 suspected gas fires ignited in the towns of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover Thursday evening, causing multiple houses to explode.

"This has been an overwhelming event," Andover Fire Rescue Chief Michael B. Mansfield told reporters, according to CNN. "I have been in the fire service for almost 39 years and I have never seen anything like this in my entire career. ... It looked like Armageddon, it really did."

EcoWatch

BBC Issues First Climate Change Reporting Guidelines

After a summer full of [extreme weather](#) headlines, The BBC is making a concerted effort to improve its coverage of [climate change](#).

BBC News

'Climate change moving faster than we are,' says UN Secretary General

By Matt McGrath Environment correspondent 10.09.2018

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Natural gas pipeline blast in Beaver County prompts evacuation

An Energy Transfer Partners pipeline exploded this morning, destroying one home, no injuries reported

- Susan Phillips
- Reid Frazier

Two directors quit key fracking firm amid 'Tory rebellion' claims

The Guardian Adam Vaughn 18.09.2018

Third [Energy](#), one of the firms at the frontline of the UK's fracking drive, has been hit by the departure of two of its directors due to delays over its flagship project in North Yorkshire. Campaigners said the resignations were a sign of a company "in meltdown".

The Barclays-backed company had looked likely to be the first shale explorer to frack in the UK for years, but its plans for the KM8 well have been pushed [back by government checks over its financial health](#).

Drill or Drop?

Ryedale Tories reject government changes to fracking planning rules

BY [RUTH HAYHURST](#) ON [SEPTEMBER 6, 2018](#) •

WHARFEDALE OBSERVER. JIM JACK 18.09.2018

Otley councillors oppose national fracking rules plan

Do the right thing

End the Madness

Ban Fracking

There is NO SOCIAL LICENCE

County Councils Say NO

We Say NO

Listen to the People

