

# **THE WEEKLY PROFIT**

## **FROM THE SACRIFICE ZONE**

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**‘This Government is determined to leave our natural environment in a better condition than we found it. Clean growth is not an option, but a duty we owe to the next generation, and economic growth has to go hand-in-hand with greater protection for our forests and beaches, clean air and places of outstanding natural beauty.’**

**Theresa May**

**The Clean Growth Strategy**

**Leading the way to a low carbon future.**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/700496/clean-growth-strategy-correction-april-2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/700496/clean-growth-strategy-correction-april-2018.pdf)



**How much was destroyed this week?**

## Drill or Drop?

<https://drillordrop.com/2019/01/15/fracked-gas-levels-at-cuadrillas-shale-site-so-low-that-propane-needed-to-light-flare-stack-document-reveals/>

# Fracked gas levels at Cuadrilla's shale site so low that propane needed to light flare stack

BY [RUTH HAYHURST](#) ON [JANUARY 15, 2019](#)

A publicity video used by Cuadrilla as evidence of the first shale gas production from its site in Lancashire may not be quite what it seemed.

The company sent up a drone to film a burning flare stack at the site near Blackpool in early November 2018.

It **released** the news to the media, describing the development as “significant” and “a good early indication of the gas potential that we have long talked about”. The pro-fracking group, **Lancashire for Shale**, said the gas flow was a “real credit to the expertise and tenacity of Cuadrilla”.

But an **official document** released this week reveals that the volume of gas reaching the surface at Preston New Road at the time was so low that the company had to feed in propane as a support fuel to light the flare.

[https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/onshore-oil-and-gas/information-on-cuadrillas-preston-new-road-site/supporting\\_documents/Preston%20New%20Road%20Compliance%20with%20Permit%20Assessment%20Report%2002.11.18.pdf](https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/onshore-oil-and-gas/information-on-cuadrillas-preston-new-road-site/supporting_documents/Preston%20New%20Road%20Compliance%20with%20Permit%20Assessment%20Report%2002.11.18.pdf)

On the morning of the 2nd November gas was again sent to the flare from the separator. On this occasion a support fuel (propane) was used to assist combustion. There was no visible increase in methane emissions on the boundary monitoring equipment. We are currently reviewing what is best practice including the benefits of using a support fuel to assist the combustion of very low levels of natural gas against the management of natural gas without combustion through the flare.

**The Guardian**

**Damien Carrington, Environment Editor. 15.02.2019**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/15/immediate-fossil-fuel-phaseout-could-arrest-climate-change-study>

## **Immediate fossil fuel phaseout could arrest climate change – study**

**Scientists say it may still technically be possible to limit warming to 1.5C if drastic action is taken now**

**Climate Change could be kept in check if a phaseout of all fossil fuel infrastructure were to begin immediately, according to research.**



**Is Government acting on this?**

PACIFIC STANDARD

<https://psmag.com/environment/how-communities-in-the-u-k-are-taking-on-fracking-lancashire>

# 'WE BLOODY LIVE HERE, AND IT'S NOT FAIR': HOW COMMUNITIES IN THE U.K. ARE TAKING ON FRACKING

The Conservative British government has rallied behind fracking, but in Lancashire and beyond, locals are pushing back.

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While fracking has changed the face of energy production in the United States, the technology is a long way from being socially accepted in the United Kingdom, let alone from becoming a serious component of the energy mix. The Conservative government has rallied behind fracking, but local Lancastrians are less united in their enthusiasm. Indeed, the issue has been bitterly divisive.

## Not only Lancashire.

There is no social licence for fracking in the UK.

# Anywhere

# UK revealed as EU champion of fossil fuel subsidies

By [Sam Morgan](#) | [EURACTIV.com](#)

14 Jan 2019 (updated: 15 Jan 2019)

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy/news/uk-revealed-as-eu-champion-of-fossil-fuel-subsidies/>

**The United Kingdom spends the most in the EU on subsidising fossil fuels, according to a new report by the European Commission, which also found that EU-wide payments have failed to decrease despite the bloc's commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change.**

**In 2016, the UK pumped more than €12 billion into fossil fuel support, closely followed by Germany, France, Italy and Spain. However, those countries actually then spent more on renewable energies like wind and solar than on coal, gas and oil.**

G20 countries pledged in 2009 to phase out “inefficient fossil fuel subsidies”, while 2015's Paris Agreement commits its signatories to hold global warming to well below two degrees Celsius through significant greenhouse emission cuts.



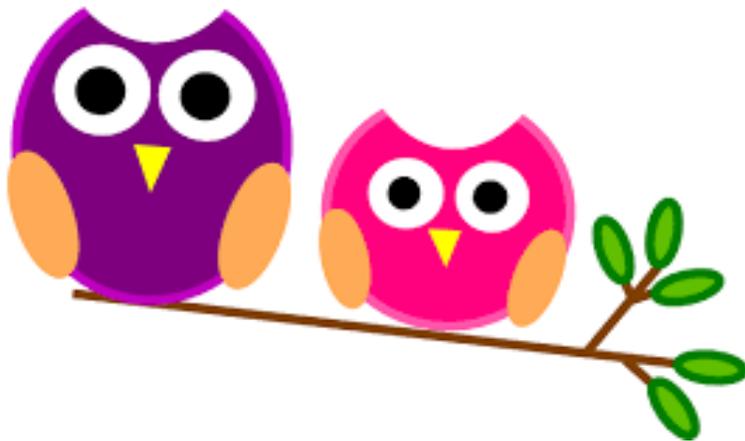
**How Much? 12 Billion Euros?**

**Why is there austerity and yet all this money for Fossil Fuels?**

From the same report

## Fossil fuel subsidies racking up trillions in health costs

Health costs related to fossil fuel use **outweigh** taxpayer-funded subsidies by **600%**, according to a new study that insists governments should stop pumping money into dirty energy sources.



Is  
this  
wise?

Shouldn't public health take priority?



When all the trees have been cut down,  
when all the animals have been hunted,  
when all the waters are polluted,  
when all the air is unsafe to breathe,  
only then will you discover you cannot eat  
money. Cree Prophecy

**End The Madness**  
**Ban Fracking**



