

Good evening, I'm Morgan Marshall, I live a few miles from the proposed Fracking site at PNR. I want to explain why this planning application makes me fear for my health and safety, as well as that of my family, my friends, amazing community and sea side town.

I listened carefully to the planning application at County Hall as it was being live streamed. It was like being on a white knuckle roller coaster ride and it was hard being at school. Before that day I had no idea who Councillor Paul Hayhurst was but now I do and I shall never forget him. For me it was **such a relief** to see someone use their position and power for good and to hear his voice willing to stand up for us. I celebrated when finally, the LCC gave Caudrilla their loud and clear '**No.**'

At County Hall a lady spoke about her concerns for vulnerable members of the community, she was upset as she remembered some really scary times when her children were suffering with asthma attacks. That was my mum. She described a toddler who had fear in his eyes who would tug his vest and say it was too tight as he struggled to breath. That's me and the other boy she talked about being rushed into hospital many times is Oscar my older brother.

Counsellor Paul Hayhurst spoke about PNR residents. A lady with COPD, a person with asthma, an autistic boy who has problems with light and noise, a lady who had been forced to retire from work due to a medical condition aggravated by chemicals, as well as a lady who had recently donated a kidney. These people all have names too and they are my friends and my neighbours.

Counsellor Paul Hayhurst asked our Public Health Officer for assurances that our health would not be made worse if permission was given for the well to go ahead. Dr. Karunanithi couldn't give assurance that Caudrilla's plans wouldn't make us sick. He told us that the Science is very clear, that there is No safe limits of Particulate matter. The more pollutants, the higher the likelihood of impacting on people who live in the vicinity, particularly those with respiratory conditions.

It's too easy for those who hope to make money if fracking is allowed, to dismiss, or write off our health concerns. I guess that's why Cuadrilla calls us 'receptors,' so Francis Eagon doesn't even have to pretend to have a conscience or to care.

I've seen others from the industry trying to look sorrowful as they announce that in the name of progress, there are bound to be some winners and some losers. I just want to remind these people that **we are real people here**, real people who matter! We are just as valuable as anyone else and labelling us as 'unfortunate victims,' 'collateral damage' or 'receptors' doesn't change that.

I've been taught respect, to care about the planet, appreciate my environment and nature, not to take things for granted and to treat others as I would like to be treated myself. I've been taught that we all have a right to say 'No' and a right to have that 'No' **heard** and **respected**.

Clearly some people don't have the same morals and they look out for themselves regardless of the cost to others. For example, Lord Brown when he said to 'frack the desolate north.' Or Prime Minister Cameron, who wants to push it on to us, but hasn't issued any licences in his constituency of Whitney, despite indications of large amounts of gas being there.

The millions of gallons of toxic waste water from EACH well poses a risk. Not only to our community but further afield. We don't yet know Cuadrilla's plans for storing, transporting, treating and disposing of this water from PNR but we know that spills and leaks happen. Scientists who carried out the Marcellus Shale study have now proven flow back water causes cancer. (Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology July 2015.) They injected mice with cells transformed from flow back water. Five out of six mice developed tumours, some within twelve weeks, compared to the control group of mice that didn't develop any tumours over six months.

Caudrilla's planning application is the biggest threat in my life time, to my community, health, safety and home. I'm young and I'm a musician. I don't want my head full of these worries. I want to concentrate on working towards my concerts and the practice I need to do for my assessments. I want to be able to hang out with my mates and talk about football and jazz concerts without having constant thoughts in my head about fracking fears.

Caudrilla says their 6 year plan is temporary, but for me, it's the rest of my childhood. If they get their machinery onto that field the young people of the Fylde will grow up living in fear of pollution and environmental disaster.

I would like to thank you for listening and for giving me the opportunity to add my voice to the loud and clear '**No**' that has **already** been given to Caudrilla's plans to frack.