

Fracking

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Conference notes:

1. Cameron is putting the UK 'up for shale', with an estimated two thirds of the land available for hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') companies to license. There could be tens of thousands of wells!
2. A Nottingham University survey in the 29 January Daily Telegraph showed support for fracking down to 22.7% (with participants told about affected communities' compensation).
3. The Government is cutting 80,000 pages of regulation and guidance including 380 pages of waste management rules. Cuadrilla 'legally' disposed of two million gallons of radioactive waste (including 90 times background levels of radium) into the Manchester Ship Canal.

Conference believes:

1. Fracking and other types of extreme energy extraction should be banned in the UK.
2. A greener world is achievable and investment should be directed towards sustainable solutions including energy efficiency and renewable energy (including tidal, wave, geothermal, solar and wind power), not fossil fuels.

Conference resolves:

1. To build and encourage the actions of local antifracking campaign
2. To campaign for the creation of 1 million climate jobs in the UK, including investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
3. To support communities and workers whose health has been affected by fracking and cuts in environmental legislation.