

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr Don Davies
Leader of the Council
North Somerset Council
Town Hall
Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ

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Dear Cllr Davies

RE: FRACKING – GAS EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION

Bleadon Parish Council met on 8th July and was concerned by the details in a verbal report regarding fracking. All operations appear to be extremely damaging to the environment over a wide area, especially here where the geology allows free drainage from the hills around Bleadon down to storage on the levels.

In particular, the council was alerted to the suggestion that legislation may be changed to remove the need for landowners to secure planning permission before any such activity begins. In this event the parish council may know nothing about it until the damage is done.

After discussion the council agreed to declare Bleadon parish to be “**frack-free**”. Accordingly, I am writing to let you know this decision and to ask that you take this into account in any discussions. I would be grateful if you would alert this council early to any impending discussions or legislation changes that might affect this stance.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely

M Barber – by email

Marian Barber
Clerk to Bleadon Parish Council

cc. NSC Cllrs Porter & Solomon; Deborah White (ALCA); Theresa Villiers MP (Sec of State DEFRA); John Penrose (MP Weston-super-Mare); Commissioner, Shale Gas.