

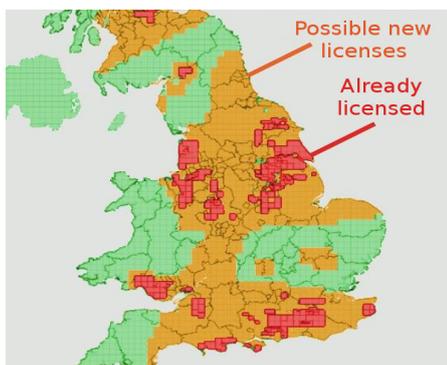
Licenses for fracking were not granted in Harrogate District - Why be concerned?

Last year, more than 100 licences for drilling shale gas were awarded to firms by the government. But this will only be the beginning... In order to get a viable gas return many wells will need to be drilled and fracked.

Evidence from North America, where fracking is widespread: In 2000 there were fewer than 20 oil and gas wells in Johnson County, Texas. In 2013, more than 3900 wells dot the county. (The Wall Street Journal, Oct 2013)



Each of these areas is a fracking well pad



Additionally, British Geological did a survey, where shale gas resources may be far greater than previously thought, with possible reserves under the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales. Experts believe that the countryside surrounding Thirsk, York and Harrogate could also contain the gas. (The Press, Jun 2013)

Full production on-shore fracking has only taken place once in the UK at Preese Hall, Blackpool in 2011. The process was confirmed as the cause of earthquakes in May 2011. The well was closed down and the process was suspended for a year. North Yorkshire County Council will soon be considering an application for the first full production fracking well since 2011 on a site known as KM8, next to Flamingo Land at Kirby Misperton in Ryedale.

What can you do?

Investigate the threat for yourself. Don't rely on mainstream media for facts.

Look on the internet for unbiased information: Google **Fracking**

Check out our website: www.frackfreeharrogatedistrict.com

There's still time to object to the NYCC KM8 planning application

Look at Frack Free Ryedale's expert advice on how to object - go to frackfreeryedale.org and click the KM8 application link at the top of the page.

Email: km8application@northyorks.gov.uk Please put the application number in the subject line: NY/2015/0233/ENV and make sure you include your name and address