2 Station Road HELMSLEY North Yorkshire YO62 5BZ 24/02/2017

Dear Lisa & Councillors

Re PEDL Licence 120 - INEOS

We are sure that you are all aware of the proposed unconventional gas industry in Ryedale, North Yorkshire.

As local councillors, we would like to bring to your attention fracking company INEOS's recent takeover of energy company Moorland Energy, as it directly affects your ward.

The PEDL 120 licence previously held by Moorland Energy stretches from West of Helmsley to East Ayton, near Scarborough.

This move significantly increases the threat of fracking in the area just south of the North York Moors National Park, and also revives the concern about the Thornton-le-Dale gas processing plant, which was strongly opposed by local residents in 2010.

INEOS may wish to restore the planning permission already granted for the plant in order to process the gas they intend to produce from fracking wells situated on the southern edge of the North York Moors National Park. Companies are currently not allowed to have fracking wells on the surface of national parks, but would be allowed to place fracking well-sites just outside their borders and drill horizontally underneath these protected areas.

INEOS already had a huge area of Ryedale under licence and this latest move adds significantly to the area they have.

Fracking is a heavy industrial activity which requires thousands of wells to be financially viable, and a huge amount of infrastructure to support it, such as treatment plants, pipelines, dehydration plants, compressor stations, new roads and gas processing plants such as the one at Thornton-le-Dale.

Fracking will pose a threat to the health of people living in this area, to the successful tourist industry, food production and rural way of life.

If you would like any further information, or someone to speak to the council about this or any related issue, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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