



WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT FRACKING

This is a critical moment for Britain. The government's plans to introduce fracking will change the UK.

Both the Prime Minister David Cameron and energy minister Michael Fallon have told us to get ready for fracking. Already over 60% of the country could be licensed for fracking and planning rules are being changed to allow for central government to override community objections.

The government is telling us that fracking is safe even though it is banned in several European countries and American states. There is substantial evidence showing that fracking causes water stress and risks water and soil contamination, earth tremors and a threat to human, wildlife, bird, fish and livestock health.

We know that this technology will not bring down fuel bills and will not create a jobs boom but it has the potential to leave a damaging environmental legacy for future generations.

We need to talk about fracking. We the undersigned believe that the government must put a stop to fracking immediately while a genuinely independent, balanced and thorough public debate is held on the potential dangers this industry holds for the UK.