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Dear Mr Clark

Meeting of the Full Council – 17 December 2015

I am writing as Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council to inform you that the County Council at its meeting on 17 December 2015 approved the following resolution:

"Lancashire County Council has spent significant time and resources ensuring that the process of determining planning applications on Fracking in Lancashire has been open, transparent and well informed.

The Development Control Committee received evidence and opinion from organisations both in favour of and opposed to Fracking, as well as from local resident groups, local businesses and public health professionals.

Whilst national government is rightly entitled to take a view and determine national policy regarding energy, we believe that the determination of individual planning applications should remain with the County Council as it is best able to consider local planning issues.

The Secretary of State is a member of a cabinet with a clear policy in favour of Fracking and he has made statements in favour of Fracking.

It is therefore inappropriate for him to determine the planning appeals on Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road in Lancashire because of clear evidence of pre-determination.

Lancashire County Council requests that the Secretary of State takes no part in the final determination of the Preston New Road or Roseacre Wood appeal decisions.

Council instructs the chief executive of Lancashire County Council to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State informing them of the opinions of the County Council."

No doubt you will consider the County Council's request as set out in the resolution and let me have your response as soon as possible.

I have, of course, also written to the Prime Minister as requested by the County Council.

Yours sincerely



Jo Turton  
Chief Executive