

# Green co-leader to join week of action at Lancashire fracking site



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**\* Jonathan Bartley to visit Preston New Road at 2pm on Thursday 21 June**

**\* Visit culminates week of action in face of wide-ranging anti-protest injunction**

**\* Bartley: "Fracking is a dying industry and it is time the Government finished it off for good."**

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, will travel to Preston New Road tomorrow [1] to join anti-fracking protestors as they reach the end of a week of intensified action.

Throughout the week Greens from across the country have travelled to Lancashire to join protests despite a wide ranging injunction around the site secured by fracking company Cuadrilla on June 1 [2].

Green Peer Jenny Jones will join Bartley at Preston New Road on Friday. Other prominent Greens to have joined the protest include Amelia Womack, deputy leader, who visited on Monday, and Natalie Bennett, former leader, who visited on Wednesday.

Bartley said:

"The frackers have tried to stop peaceful protest in Lancashire – but we will not be silenced. Fracking is a dying industry and it is time the Government finished it off for good.

"Across the country we have seen injunctions rolled out in a bid to curtail dissent, from the fracking site at Preston New Road to the tree campaign in Sheffield. But we will not give in to these bully tactics.

"Fracking for gas will wreck our climate targets and risks contaminating

local environments. The community in Lancashire said no to fracking here and it is an honour to join them on the front line of this fight.

“Instead of pursuing the dirty, dangerous fracking industry the Government should be investing in cheaper, cleaner renewable energy for the future.”

Notes:

1. Jonathan Bartley will visit campaigners at the Preston New road fracking site in Lancashire at 2pm on Thursday 14 June.

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