



Horse Hill, Horley RH6 0RB

## Big Oil Has Come to Horley

Less than a mile from the edge of Horley, drilling has recently commenced for what is claimed to be a conventional oil well. Though there are a few existing oil wells in the southeast, the industry is claiming that there are potentially large reserves of oil in the area that could result in many more wells.

### To Frack or Not to Frack?

One of the stakeholders in the Horse Hill site are Magellan Petroleum Corporation, an American company focussed on the exploration and development of "... unconventional hydrocarbon resources in the Weald Basin" – the type that require fracking. Recently they stated that they would be using the opportunity of the Horse Hill well to obtain core samples to "determine the technical and economic viability of unconventional development elsewhere in the Weald Basin". So while Horse Hill is 'officially' a conventional well, what happens here may affect the future of the site *and* the surrounding areas.

### What is Fracking?

Deep Well Hydraulic Fracturing (or Fracking) is a controversial process of oil and gas extraction. In the USA and Australia this environmentally destructive process has left a legacy of water and soil contamination, air pollution and severe health problems. Here in the small and densely populated UK the effects would be far worse. Additionally, the *many thousands* of wells needed to extract the amount of gas claimed by the companies would cause huge disruption, industrialise our countryside and bring property prices down. Instead of damaging our environment in the pursuit of extreme energy extraction that contributes to harmful carbon dioxide emissions and climate change, we could be looking at clean and renewable energy alternatives.

**PUBLIC MEETING, HORLEY, 13<sup>TH</sup> OCT**  
**DETAILS OVERLEAF**

# How to Find out More

As a community we need to take a strong stand to oppose the exploration and development of shale gas and oil in Surrey. Get informed; do some research. Below are some useful websites plus details of two local events:

## **Picnic at Horse Hill Drilling Site**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm, RH6 0RB**

Raise the local profile of what's happening and let the oil company know we are concerned.

## **Public Meeting**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. 7.00 to 9.00pm**

**Empire Hall, Victoria Road RH6 7AW** (Opposite the Air Balloon car park)

Information plus an opportunity to consider a strategy towards oil and gas developments in the area. Everyone welcome.

## **Useful Websites**

**Frack Free Surrey:** [www.frackfreesurrey.com](http://www.frackfreesurrey.com)

**Frack Free Sussex:** [www.frackfreesussex.co.uk](http://www.frackfreesussex.co.uk)

**Frack Off:** [frack-off.org.uk](http://frack-off.org.uk)

**Concerned Health Professionals of New York:**

[www.concernedhealthny.org](http://www.concernedhealthny.org) (an up to date and succinct report on health risks attributed to fracking)

**Magellan Petroleum:** <http://www.magellanpetroleum.com/media-center/press-releases/detail/234/horse-hill-1-well-drilling-activities-commence>

**Be Informed.  
Be Prepared.**