



Media Statement

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Statement to Blackpool Gazette on Geophysical Survey

Following an enquiry from the Blackpool Gazette about the Geophysical Survey, Cuadrilla provided this comment:

"We apologise to anyone who has been surprised by the brief 'thuds' resulting from our geo-physical survey across Fylde, currently operating around Elswick, Singleton and surrounding areas.

Before the survey started we posted tens of thousands of leaflets across the area and met hundreds of local people at our recent public information sessions to let people know of our survey. Following discussions with residents and community representatives last week we are aware that there is more we should do to notify people at a very local level and explain what to expect in detail.

This week we have drafted in a further half dozen staff members (all local to the Fylde Peninsula) to deliver letters around the areas where we're working and ensure that local people know that work is due to happen over the next two to three days.

If people have any problems or concerns they're welcome to contact us on our community information line on 0800 170 1115.

The use of small charges during the survey are subject to strict stand-off distances for nearby properties designed to avoid any damage. If people believe that any minor damage has resulted from any of our operations, we will investigate. If necessary, we will appoint an independent surveyor to provide an assessment. We want to be a good neighbour and if our work genuinely does cause a problem we want to be able to put it right as soon as possible."