

News Release

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## **Cuadrilla Seeks to Unlock Lancashire Energy**

Cuadrilla has announced it plans to submit a planning application to Lancashire County Council to hydraulically fracture and flow test the well site near Banks.

Cuadrilla is exploring for natural gas in Lancashire. Having already drilled a vertical well at the site near Banks they are now planning to submit an application to advance the exploration programme.

Before Cuadrilla submit the planning application to Lancashire County Council the company would like to give residents living in the area around the site an opportunity to find out more about what is involved in the hydraulic fracturing process.

As part of this, Cuadrilla is holding a Public Information Day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, at Mere Brow Village Hall, 65 The Gravel, Mere Brow, PR4 6JX from 16.00 to 20.00, where members of senior management will be on hand to talk with residents on a one-to-one basis.

## Francis Egan, Cuadrilla's CEO, said:

'Hydraulic fracturing is a key part of the on-going exploratory process of determining how much shale gas we can viably recover. It is important that residents feel well informed about our operations and our Public Information Day gives the opportunity for them to talk to us about our work. We are committed to engagement with, and being part of, the communities we work in whilst maintaining the highest environmental standards.'