

## Day of Climate Action – 10 October

### Speaking to your Barclays branch manager or staff

We're encouraging you to talk to the staff and branch manager of your local Barclays bank to express your concern about the bank funding fracking.

Here are a few suggestions to guide your conversations with members of staff or branch managers:

- In all your dealings with the branch, their staff and any security, make sure you stay polite, positive and keep a sense of humour.
- Your aim is to get your action reported 'up' and win the attention of the Barclays' Chair and Senior Management team who are responsible for Barclays' investment choices.
- Staff and managers may not be fully aware of Barclays' investments, or the risks associated with fracking, so this is a great opportunity to have this conversation and get them on your side.
- Ask to speak to the branch manager, or if you want to close an account, someone who can help with that. It might be worth considering making an appointment beforehand to ensure you get to speak to someone.
- Remember to mention that you are concerned about Barclays funding fracking in the UK and want them to withdraw proposals to frack in Ryedale.
- Fracking in Ryedale carries a wide range of risks including:
  - Risks to groundwater from the chemicals injected into the ground and extracted as part of the fracking process.
  - Risks to surface water, particularly given the area's location in a flood risk area and as an area renowned for its pristine rivers.
  - Risks to the community from increased traffic levels and noise impacting on mental and physical health.
  - Risks to the local economy which is largely dependent on agriculture, tourism and fishing.
  - Risks to the global climate from the further extraction of dirty fossil fuels.
- Have a copy of the letter to the Branch manager ready so you can hand it in and request it be sent to the most appropriate person within the organisation.

Please also remember (the legal bit):

- Generally speaking, you have no right to be on private property. Banks are private property. Parts of the pavement outside a bank may also be private property. So if the bank staff (or security, or the police) ask you to leave their premises, you must comply. If you do not comply, or if your behaviour could be regarded as intimidating or preventing people undertaking their business, then there is a risk of arrest and prosecution for aggravated trespass. So it's important to ensure your activities are non-threatening.