I am a resident of Pickering who is extremely concerned about the damaging effect that fracking would have on rural tourism, the environment and health of both locals and visitors.

1. It is just too big a risk and one that does not have to be taken. Think of to impact on our countryside, wild life, local reputation for attracting visitors, farming, businesses, employment, home prices, goods traffic on unsuitable roads and potential contamination of water.

2. The vast majority of people don’t want Fracking to happen.

3. I could bore you with dozens of factual reasons why Fracking must not go ahead, but at the end of the day, it boils down to the fact that the gas is a global warming fossil fuel and extracting it is likely to pollute the environment, endanger our water supplies and harm our health. Nobody can honestly prove it won’t.

4. The impact of Fracking on tourism would be a disaster for our area.

I urge EFRA Select Committee to commission a new independent report of the impact of the shale gas industry on the rural economy, including rural tourism. Until then, please demand an immediate moratorium on fracking and other forms of unconventional gas production.

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