Dear Mark,

Following  Climate Action Durham’s recent march and talks from Global Justice Now we agreed to support the call for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation

**I would very much  like to meet with you and discuss a council endorsement of the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

I enclose a briefing on the treaty which you are probably very aware of, and it would be great if Durham County Council could endorse it, and we show ourselves as in the vanguard of cities that support it. I also enclose a Draft Motion for the council.

Support for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is gaining momentum worldwide. Many local and subnational decision-makers are supporting the call. One hundred cities and subnational governments – including the US state of California, London, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Barcelona, Vancouver, Sydney, Los Angeles and Toronto – have endorsed the treaty. An ever growing bloc of national governments has joined them - including Colombia, which is economically dependent on fossil fuels. The support of local councils around the world is key for building the pressure to get more national governments on board and ready to start the treaty process.

As you will be very much aware, we are in a climate emergency. Fossil fuels are responsible for the bulk of CO2 emissions worldwide.

**We need to accelerate a globally just transition away from coal, oil and gas and towards a zero carbon world, and local councils are an essential element in making this happen.** **Citizens, businesses, public services and others in every local authority area are responsible for the consumption of energy and emissions of greenhouse gases globally. But local authorities are also on the vanguard of climate solutions, stopping fossil fuel projects, developing sustainable energy alternatives, retrofitting buildings and dropping fossil fuel financing.**

As you know we are very supportive of all the great work DCC is doing, particularly through CERP3, and the targets are ambitious. We also know that you are really passionate about combatting Climate Change and so would like to ask you to propose  a motion to DCC to endorse the Fossil Fuel Treaty.

Without addressing the production of fossil fuels at source we risk hugely overshooting our climate targets. The UN Environment Programme’s most recent Production Gap report found that: *“Governments, in aggregate, still plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than would be consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C.”*[***[1]***](#x_m_-253545190090327446__ftn1)

The International Energy Agency has highlighted that international cooperation will be vital to keeping 1.5 alive.[[2]](#x_m_-253545190090327446__ftn2) Now is the time to put the question of managing an equitable transition away from fossil fuels on the international agenda and devise a process for negotiating this globally as quickly as possible.

The three pillars of action proposed by the Fossil Fuel Treaty are:

●       **Non-Proliferation** - preventing new coal, oil, or gas developments

●       **Equitable Phase** **Out** of existing fossil fuel production plans

●       **Just Transition** so that no community, country or worker is left behind

**It would be great to meet with you soon to discuss the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

I have copied in some of our members, and also members of Durham Uni Eco DU who are similarly supporting this call.