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FAO of Amy Taylor,

I, Mark Whitelegg of 32A Limestone Grove, Burniston, YO13 0DH, strongly object to the proposed Europa development for the following reasons:

- \* **Environmental and Community Harm:** The development poses a significant threat to the local environment and the well-being of residents. The anticipated noise, light, air and water pollution will negatively impact our quality of life, offering no discernible benefit to the local community. Furthermore, the documented risk of seismic activity, including tremors, associated with the hydraulic extraction of gas, as evidenced by numerous UK examples, is a serious concern. The proposed drilling site is very close to existing houses.
- \* **Lack of Necessity and Exploitation:** The claim that this gas is needed for UK consumption is dubious. It is far more likely that the extracted gas will be sold on international markets, prioritizing profit for companies with no vested interest in the long-term well-being of the affected local communities. This exploitation of our area for financial gain is unacceptable.
- \* **Climate Crisis Exacerbation:** This proposal represents a significant step backward in our efforts to combat the climate crisis. Continued fossil fuel extraction is directly counterproductive to the urgent need to reduce emissions. We should be investing in and prioritizing renewable energy sources, not exacerbating the climate emergency.
- \* **Detrimental Impact on Local Businesses and Tourism:** Our local economy relies heavily on tourism. The presence of 128ft high drilling rigs, visible across a wide area, poses a substantial risk to the reputation of the entire Scarborough area. This industrialization of our landscape will deter visitors and negatively impact local businesses for years to come, jeopardizing jobs and livelihoods.
- \* **Transformation of Natural Beauty into an Industrial Landscape:** This development will irrevocably transform an area of outstanding natural beauty into an industrial landscape. The visual and environmental impact will be devastating, destroying the very qualities that make our region a desirable place to live and visit.

I urge you to reject this proposal and protect our community, environment, and future.

Regards

Mark Whitelegg