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To: Planning Control
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Re Planning application reference NY/2025/0030/ENV

09/03/25

I am writing to OBJECT to the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. I live in central Scarborough very near to the route proposed for the HGVs mentioned in this application. They are already busy roads and have several facilities that increased HGVs carrying potentially hazardous materials and creating extra pollution would adversely affect; for example, Scarborough Hospital, Northstead, Newby, Barrowcliffe, Scalby and Gladstone Road Schools. Several hundred children walk to these schools daily and their safety would be seriously impacted. The road junctions, particularly near the hospital on the way to Graham School are already extremely busy with ambulances, cars and pedestrians.

2. The proposed development is totally out of character on this heritage coast. I regularly use the Cinder Track for walking in the Burniston and Cloughton area. The applicant mentions light industry currently present at The Mill Yard but this is very light industrial use and does not generate the pollution, noise and HGVs on the scale that the proposed gas drilling operation would create. The noise, light and bad odours from this application would be so detrimental to my enjoyment of this rural area.

3. The applicant proposes drilling 24/7 for some periods. This is harmful to residents' and visitors' wellbeing who live/visit the area for its peace and quiet and rural beauty. It is also concerning that this operation could cause earth tremors.

4. The proposal would add to the problems already caused by climate change. Co2 and methane would be produced thus causing further harm. This application is a precursor to further drilling operations and the prospect of another 20 years of drilling operations should be borne in mind when assessing this application; as should the downstream emissions caused by burning the gas. C3S said February 2025 was the third hottest February with Global temperatures 1.59C hotter than re industrial levels. Drilling for fossil fuels should not be approved.

5. The UK is moving to renewables and this should be supported by not allowing new exploratory drilling for gas.

6. The area is one of natural beauty, close to the Heritage Coast and the Cleveland Way. As a keen walker I enjoy using the Cleveland Way and The Cinder Track and feel that this development is far too industrial for this area. People such as myself enjoy the beautiful countryside around Scarborough and it should not be allowed to be turned into a gas field.

6. I am concerned about the negative effect on wildlife in the area. I see many types of birds and wildlife in the area. These are all at risk from being harmed or driven away by noise, light or ground pollution.

7. The applicant has implied that drilling for gas would be a UK gain by reducing imports of gas from abroad. I am not sure that this is the case as I understand gas is sold on the open market for profit not for local use.

8. The applicant mentions 160 full or part time jobs. This should be clarified so that, for example, the 6 security guards mentioned for each phase are only ever counted as a total of 6 and not cumulatively counted over the phases as separate groups of 6 security guards.

9. I believe there is a serious risk to the water supply, potentially causing harm to people, wildlife and crops.

10. The operation is close to the National Park and is a popular tourist destination. I believe that a drilling operation would be detrimental to local businesses and affect the quality of visitor experiences. I would not enjoy visits to the area should the application be successful.

11. The proposal is only 360m from a National Cycle Way. This is an asset to tourists and residents and also used by horse riders, dog walkers and walkers. The Heritage coastal path can be accessed from several points on the Cinder Track and the area is a big draw for tourism.

I feel that the proposal would deter visitors in the future and this would in turn affect local businesses that rely on tourism. Revenue from tourism helps to keep local businesses open which helps keep these facilities running for the benefit of residents.

12. Local opinion should count and whether it is called fracking or proppant squeeze, it is harmful in many ways to this beautiful area and should be rejected.

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