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Re: Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV

Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

Dear Amy,

I am writing in connection with the above Planning Application made by Europa Oil and Gas for the construction, drilling and testing of this site to extract gas through a proppant squeeze process.

Having considered this fully, I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. The UK allegedly aspires to be no longer using fossil fuels for energy. As a previous mining family, I would like to mention that the Coal Mines had millions of tons of future reserves, left sterilised underground, throughout the UK. Hundreds of thousands of workers within the mining industry, thrown on the scrap heap, in the relentless pursuit of green energy in this country. All these pits were based in industrial areas around the country, brown field sites - this is where these mine sites should be, **NOT ON THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH YORKSHIRE COASTLINE!!!! These pits should never have been closed with endless reserves and all the jobs they provided.** Once closed, can never be re-opened. Proppant squeeze, is fracking, as we all know. **This Labour government stance, for years, has been to introduce policies to accelerate the move away from the dependency on fossil fuels in favour of a 100% green energy sources!!**

2. Shame on Europa who will destroy the North Yorkshire Coastline as we know it now!! Do you seriously expect us to believe that this private company will be able to guarantee; that their operations will not rupture/fracture/pollute/aquifer sourced domestic water supplies to this region's properties.

3. Possible fracturing of the sea bed - how are they going to monitor this? How are they going to repair it? How would they prevent it? What safe guards would they have in place to prevent an environmentally disastrous venting of toxic fluids and gases from fracturing, or rupturing the sea-beds, next to our coastline. How would they repair, rectify, or contain, these environmental issues????

4. Anyone, who believes that a government regulator would have any sort of regulation, or control, over this purely for "profit industry" is living in cloud cuckoo land!!!! As anyone, who has eyes in their head, and a nose to smell can bear witness to the abhorrent sewage contamination in the UK's seas, rivers, streams and lakes. There is barely a week goes by, or less than that, whilst out walking the beautiful North Yorkshire coast region, before we witness another disgusting and filthy smelling example of the unregulated private Water Companies behaviour. Why should we believe that the fracking industry will be held to account with any more vigour and regulation enforcement, that has been shown with the Water Utility Industry!!!

5. Obviously proppant squeeze/fracking will release obnoxious gasses in the atmosphere, which everyone in this area will be breathing in on a daily basis. In the Summer months we would all like to be able to enjoy our gardens. Also, the sight of the gas flare, will be seen from all local villages, also producing black soot and nitrous oxide. I thought we were all trying to prevent climate change!!!!

6. Could you please inform us, who could 100% guarantee that this proppant squeeze/fracking would not lead to unintended rupturing underground, in areas that will lead to increased risk of subsidence on land and the sea-bed. Also, increasing the speed of coastal erosion and toxic pollutants, both liquid and gas, been vented into the waters of the North Yorkshire coastline. Endangering anyone having pleasure on the North Yorkshire Coast - swimming, paddling, surfers, pets swimming in the sea, and consuming contaminated seafood. **But most of all, the marine life we are lucky to have in our seas - do we really want to eliminate, or threaten, our marine wildlife any further - I think not!!**

7. Finally, the sheer volume of traffic on all Scarborough roads by Europa, added to this the annual increase in traffic from holiday makers (who will not visit the North Yorkshire Coast once it has been turned into an industrial eyesore, with contaminated sea-water, and congested roads). Scarborough roads, as they are now, are not designed and maintained to a standard able to accommodate possibly thousands of HGV movements, every week, for the next 20 years!!!! Who is going to pay for maintenance of the roads etc - the local residents!!!! More to the point, who will be responsible to finance the reinstatement of all the mine sites, back to as they were before proppant squeeze/fracking operations commenced. Also, regular cleaning of our streets/roads every week, while Europa are delivering to the mine site.

I hope that our concerns are fully taken into account by the Planning Committee during your review process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs P. Stafford.