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To: Planning Control
Subject: Fracking Objection.

Formal Objection to Proposed Fracking in Burniston, Scarborough

Date: 11.3.25

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed fracking operations in Burniston, Scarborough. Below, I outline the key concerns associated with fracking and request urgent acknowledgment of this objection, particularly given technical issues hindering public participation.

Key Issues with Fracking :

1. Environmental Risks

- **Water Contamination:** Fracking involves injecting chemicals and high-pressure fluid into the ground, risking groundwater pollution.
- **Air Quality Degradation:** Methane emissions and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) threaten air quality and public health.
- **Excessive Water Use:** Fracking requires vast quantities of water, straining local resources.

2. Geological Instability:

- Fracking is linked to induced seismicity (earthquakes), posing risks to infrastructure and safety in Burniston.

3. Noise and Traffic Disruption:

- Heavy machinery, 24/7 operations, and increased industrial traffic would harm community well-being and rural character.

4. Health Concerns:

- Long-term exposure to pollutants may lead to respiratory illnesses, cancers, and other health issues.

5. Ecological Damage:

- Habitat destruction and biodiversity loss could result from industrial activity in sensitive areas.

All of the above are evidenced based observations of which I am sure your environmental health experts will be fully aware.

NB. Technical Barriers to Public Engagement

I attempted to submit this objection via the designated consultation portal but found it non-functional. This raises serious concerns about transparency and democratic access to the planning process. I request:

- Immediate repair of the portal and extension of the consultation period.
- Written acknowledgment of this objection to ensure it is formally recorded.

Fracking poses unacceptable risks to Burniston's environment, health, and community. I urge the planning authority to reject this proposal outright and prioritize sustainable, low-risk alternatives.

Please confirm receipt of this objection and clarify how technical issues with the portal will be resolved to ensure fair public participation.

Yours sincerely,

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