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Hi there

I am having problems submitting a comment on the council's planning portal regarding the Europa proposal for Burniston Mill site, so am emailing it instead.

Please see below my response

Thanks
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Re NY/2025/0030/ENV

I am writing to OBJECT to the proposal for the following reasons

1. The risks of a proppant squeeze to the local area. A review of literature by the Environment Agency points out that, although the risks of this type of small-scale hydraulic fracturing are lower than high volume 'fracking', proppant squeeze technologies nonetheless carry a risk to ground water, surface water and deep aquifers. The same review states that there is a lack of evidence to support any claims that low volume hydraulic fracturing is safe, and that further work is needed to increase confidence in this form of technology. Source

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/637de4ffe90e076b81f67c1d/Potential_environmental_impacts_from_techniques_to_enhance_rock_permeability_-_report.pdf

2. Granting permission to extract gas is incompatible with North Yorkshire Council's commitment to becoming climate neutral by 2040.

The scientific consensus is that new gas and oil production should be heavily discouraged to avoid the worst of climate breakdown. For example, the Climate Change Committee supports a tighter limit on production, with stringent tests and a presumption against exploration for UK oil and gas.

As a region that aims to be a climate leader, North Yorkshire should take a similarly evidence-based approach. Source:

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/letter-climate-compatibility-of-new-oil-and-gas-fields/>

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