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Case Officer Amy Taylor
Planning Department
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
Racecourse Lane
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DL7 8AD

Re: Planning application reference number – NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas application for drilling at Burniston Mill site

Dear Madam


I would like to express my objections to the proposed intention to access fossil fuels (Hydrocarbons) in the area around and below Scalby, Burniston and Cloughton, by the above named company. This project is being proposed at a time when the planet has just experienced the warmest winter since climate records began, and when the Earth's population must surely be looking for climate and environmentally friendly sources of energy.

My objections are as follows;

- The project itself and the hydrocarbons being sought are environmentally unsound.
- Propan squeeze (Hydraulic fracturing) may release a greenhouse gas, namely methane, into the atmosphere.
- Flaring of Methane will release significant amounts of Carbon dioxide - CO₂, another greenhouse gas into the atmosphere.
- There is a real possibility of Ground water contamination affecting our drinking water supply.
- Seismic disturbance due to the drill site's proximity to the "Peak fault" which lies nearby.
- The Oil and Gas Authority report in 2019 concluded that it is not possible with current technology to accurately predict the probability of ground tremors associated with fracking type operations.
- There will be an increase in HGV traffic in an area that already has high traffic usage.
- The impact the traffic above will have on local residents young & old.
- Government, past and present have already imposed a ban on Fracking.

I trust my objections will be duly considered in the planning process and would appreciate my name and address be redacted for my personal security and peace of mind.

Yours faithfully

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Mr P. E. Midgley