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Friday 14th March 2025

Amy Taylor – Case Officer
Planning Department
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
Racecourse Lane
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Dear Ms Taylor,

Re – Planning Ref. No: NY2025/0030/ENV

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

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. Climate Change and Global Warming – we cannot afford to build new oil and gas drilling sites, because we cannot use the hydrocarbons already in existing sites, because of their detrimental effect on climate change. Our country has abundant natural resources like wind, wave and solar power that could adequately supply the UK with clean, renewable energy whilst safeguarding the environment for future generations.
2. Air, Noise and Light Pollution – the fumes from machinery, heavy goods vehicles and the CO₂, sulphur dioxide and methane produced by the rig will pollute the atmosphere, ruining the air quality in an area close to popular walking routes, local schools and houses.
 - a. Noise Pollution – the peaceful atmosphere of nearby properties will be ruined by the banging and drilling coming from the drill site. In addition, the regular movement of HGV's bringing water for the 'proppant squeeze' and removing contaminated water from the site, will cause continuous noise.

- b. Light Pollution – the site will be floodlit day and night, which will ruin the natural darkness of the coastal area and could drive away nocturnal birds and animals like owls and bats.

3. Heritage Coast – this area is unsuitable for industry. The factors in ‘reason 2’ above are important when considering The Heritage Coast in which the drill will be situated. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty next to a National Park. Europa’s plan to build a 100ft drilling rig, with a blow off flare, would be seen for miles and ruin the landscape, causing damage to Local Communities and Local Tourism; see reasons 5 and 6 below.

4. Damage To Local Communities – increased heavy goods vehicles traffic, noise, fumes, damage to roads and pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly traffic are at risk.

5. Damage To Local Tourism – increased HGV traffic and its effects on local people and tourists. Detrimental effects on wildlife and ecology. The North York Moors is famous for their Dalby Forest Stargazing and is an outstanding Dark Skies site. The proposed site will be flood lit continually.

6. No Need for Onshore Oil and Gas – Europa’s proposal is expected to extract oil and gas for 20 years. Burning Fossil Fuels is an outdated way to create energy, especially while we are in a climate emergency. This proposal will lock this coastal area, county and country into decades of unsustainable dirty fossil fuel dependence at a time when the exact opposite needs to occur.

I run a holiday cottage at our home in Langdale End, 5 miles from Europa’s proposed site where people come to enjoy the peace and quiet, wildlife and dark skies. I believe granting Europa permission to go ahead with their proposal, would detrimentally effect the lives of many people and tourists residing in the Scarborough area and I hope that my concerns are fully considered by the Planning Committee during your review process.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Christine Hayes

