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**Sent:** 14 March 2025 18:20  
**To:** Planning Control  
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Dear Amy Taylor,

I write to register my strong objection to the application to explore fracking (in all but name) on a site between Burniston, where I have lived for the past 44 years, and the coast. Firstly, this is an area that relies on its natural beauty for its main source of income, holidays and tourism. The Cleveland Way and the Heritage Coast run right alongside the proposed site. Thousands use both, but who will want to do so right beside an industrial installation with flare stacks, drilling, noise and pollution which is completely out of character with the natural beauty of the area? The roads struggle to cope with the level of traffic as it is which at times can be hazardous. Add to that large numbers of heavy goods traffic at all hours and you have major traffic upheaval and the demolishing of the amenity and attractiveness of the area at a stroke. It would blight the local area and economy, be totally out of character and its negative impact wholly disproportionate to such benefit as its proposers claim it would bring. Businesses reliant on tourism would be badly affected because it will deter visitors and holidaymakers. It would bring pollution and the potential to destabilise the already weak cliffs. It would adversely affect wildlife and the nearby Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is less than a mile from the boundary of the North York Moors National Park, again a big visitor attraction for Burniston and environs. It would be a blot on the currently lovely landscape.

Turning to wider concerns, the world is at a critical stage because of climate change and the country is responding by turning to renewable energy. How can it possibly make sense to blight a beautiful and popular tourist location with an industrial site intended to produce the very fossil fuels we are meant to be moving away from? And all in the interests of the profits of big business share holders from outside the area and to the great detriment of those of us inside , and our many visitors looking for natural beauty, peace, well-being and somewhere to 'get away from it all.'

There are other concerns I could list including risk of earth tremors, risk to water supply, risk of smells, inevitable production of more greenhouse gasses, to name but a few. But in essence, it would be wholly "inappropriate development" within the terms of the UK National Planning Policy and hugely detrimental to the local area, residents and businesses, and the long established tourist economy built over two hundred years on its environment and natural beauty.

Yours sincerely,

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