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Dear planning control

Planning application #NY/2025/0030/ENV
Case officer Amy Taylor

I wish to OBJECT to the application by Europa for a drilling rig in Burniston to explore the feasibility of gas extraction from the Cloughton Burniston gas field.

Objection 1: Climate Change

- With the current climate emergency I do not believe we should be extracting hydrocarbons from any new gas or oil fields as the burning of the fuel extracted will increase greenhouse gases and exacerbate global warming. This is against the government's net zero commitments. Energy conservation (better insulation etc) and renewable energy is how we should be meeting future energy demands, not burning fossil fuels.

Objection 2: Pollution

- Chemical; fumes from combustion at the site, and in vehicles servicing it.
- Potential water contamination from Propanant Squeeze process.
- Visual impact of a large rig with flare, and further rigs if the field is viable.
- Noise pollution from the drilling and HGVs servicing the operation.

Objection 3; seismic activity

- Concern that this may cause earth tremors which could affect the fragile coastal cliffs causing landslips and coastal erosion.
- Possible impact on the foundations of nearby buildings, such as my house. I feel the proposed development is far too close to residential areas.

Objection 4; impact on countryside

- Proposed development is on our North Yorkshire Heritage Coastline and very close to the North York Moors Nation Park and Cleveland way.

As a resident of Burniston I am obviously concerned that my quality of life will be adversely affected by objections 2, 3 and 4, but objection 1 on its own is, I feel, sufficient grounds for the council to reject this application. A lot has changed in our understanding of the climate emergency we face in the 9 years since a licence to explore the Cloughton Burniston gas field was granted and I am not sure it would have been granted in 2025.

Many thanks for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Yours sincerely

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