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**Re: Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV**

### **Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site**

Dear Amy,

I write with respect to 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. We are suffering enough from climate change, both globally and locally. We should not be adding to the greenhouse gases. The arguments used in the Finch Case are also applicable to Burniston. The whole concept of "proppant squeeze / fracking process" is contrary to the declared renewable energy route.
2. Other UK sites have suffered seismic tremors, and areas of the North Yorkshire coast are already susceptible to coastal erosion. Has the applicant demonstrated via an environmental assessment, that their proposed activities will not adversely affect the local geology, and divert or pollute the water table?
3. Where is the evidence of cost-effect analysis? There seems to be only local detriment, with no perceptible benefit to the nation i.e. we do not need this gas, which will not significantly improve cost or security of supply.
4. Industrialisation of this essentially farming / residential area will decrease the value of land and people's homes. Not only will the site generate local noise, dust and light pollution, but has the applicant demonstrated safe handling and disposal routes for all the process by-products? Given the inevitable increase in the number of HGVs, has the applicant fully assessed the pollutant effect of "idling" engines at road junctions, particularly near schools, and general road safety of children and pedestrians? Will the

applicant be required to produce comprehensive, conventional and safety risk assessments?

5. Concerns have been raised about the potential effects on coastal wildlife following the maritime collision in the North Sea. Isn't this wildlife also susceptible to damage from land initiated industrial activities and accidents? Natural beauty loss is followed by lost tourism and lost local income.

I hope that my concerns are fully taken into account by the Planning Committee during your review process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stuart Summers