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Amy Taylor - Case Officer
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North Yorkshire Council
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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 am writing to express my strong opposition 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, particularly as a new mother who is days away from welcoming a child into our precious community and coastline.

The potential risks associated with fracking—such as the release of toxic gases during the drilling process, gas flaring, and harmful emissions—pose an unacceptable threat to the health of our environment, wildlife, and community. As well as being part of a farming family I am especially concerned about the lasting damage to precious farming land with potential earth tremors caused by drilling as well as water supply issues.

Additionally, despite the company's current application for 'exploration,' it is clear that their long-term plans involve decades of fossil fuel extraction, with further applications for additional drilling sites already acknowledged. This would irrevocably damage the heritage coastline, Cleveland Way, and our natural surroundings, which are not only vital for the environment but are central to our region's identity and tourism economy.

At a critical time when we are reaching irreversible tipping points in our climate crisis, this is not just about protecting our countryside; it's about ensuring a sustainable future for our children.

The exploration phase alone would see an estimated 1,050 HGV movements, creating significant traffic disruptions and posing additional safety concerns for families, pedestrians, and cyclists in our community as well as significantly degrading the quality of life in our rural area.

In light of these overwhelming concerns, I ask you to reject this proposal and instead focus on advancing cleaner, safer, and more sustainable energy solutions that respect our environment and the well-being of future generations.

Thank you for considering my objections. I hope you will act in the best interests of both the community and the planet.

Yours sincerely,
Rhianne Green