

14th March 2025

To Amy Taylor
Planning Department
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
Racecourse Lane
Northallerton
DL7 8AD

Planning Ref: No NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas Application for Appraisal Drilling at Mill Site Burniston

Dear Ms Taylor,

In response to the proposed planning application for proppant squeeze, I have a number of objections, as the proposal has many underlying consequences, that in many expert opinions, will have a profound negative impact on the environment and on residential properties and businesses.

I am a resident on Bridge Close, which is adjacent to the proposed drilling site, and my anxiety is firstly for my home, which has no protective barrier against any gas leakage. Potentially methane gas could leak up into my house, many properties in my area were built before oversiting and radon barriers became common practice. Any disturbance to the ground could create subsidence. In the event of this happening I would hold those responsible to account.

Secondly, I am anxious for the wider scope of destruction to land, such as agriculture, there are a lot of fields in the area used for crop growing, potentially this could pollute the food chain. There is a risk of contamination to the water supply, for subsidence, crevasses and cavities underground, are most likely to accelerate erosion affecting the Coastal Protection Zone, impacting on tourism, our local economy, and natural beauty of our area.

My last point is for the probable destruction above ground, with additional noise, toxic fumes which will be damaging for people's health physically and mentally.

I can see no possible benefits to our community or the wider community.

I do NOT want my name and address made public.

Yours sincerely