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Planning Reference Number : NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

Dear Ms Taylor,

I am writing to strongly object to the application made by Europa Oil and Gas for exploratory drilling & testing on the Burniston Mill site to extract gas using a proppant squeeze / hydraulic fracturing process.

I have the following concerns about this proposal:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->To help reduce global warming and climate change new investment should be concentrating on renewable sources of energy NOT on fossil fuels.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->The proposed location is totally unsuitable for this type of industrial development. It is very

close to residential properties in Burniston; noise and pollution from the site will have a harmful effect on the health and quality of life of those living nearby. I am not convinced by the applicant's claims that this development will have "no significant", "negligible", "minor" "small" impact on the local community.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->The site is in an area which relies on tourism to generate local income, close to the Heritage Coast, the North Yorkshire Moors and the National Cycle Network. This type of development will have a detrimental visual impact on the area and deter visitors.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->Road safety will be compromised by increased traffic on routes unsuitable for HGVs which are already busy (especially in the tourist season). The surface of the A171 and the A165 roads in Burniston is poor and will be damaged further by increased traffic. There are several danger points along possible access routes – a) the A171 through the villages of Cloughton & Burniston is narrow, often congested and can be difficult to cross safely b) other routes use busy roads through Scarborough
c) HGVs find navigating the mini roundabout by the Three Jolly Sailors in Burniston difficult d) the entrance to the site is via a sharp turn onto a narrow lane shared with Scarborough and Burniston Coast Guard Rescue and the Mill Yard Industrial Units.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5) <!--[endif]-->Geological stability is a cause for concern. Although Europa say that the process they are proposing is not "fracking" it involves fracturing rocks to look for gas. Similar exploration by Caudrilla in Lancashire recently resulted in over 120 earth tremors in the surrounding area and the site having to be abandoned. The cliffs on the North Yorkshire coastline are unstable and prone to landslides, with

some slippage most winters. In 1993 the Holbeck Hotel in Scarborough was destroyed by a large cliff fall; drilling could cause more landslides in the area.

I hope that these concerns will be fully taken into account when this application is considered by the local authority planning department and urge the rejection of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely
Evelyn Peterson