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RE: Planning Ref. No. NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Amy

I am writing in connection with the above named planning application submitted by Europa Oil & Gas to construct a site to drill and test for gas by a proppant squeeze method.

I am a local resident of Burniston, living approximately 300m from the proposed drill site.

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I wish to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) Excessive noise, and light pollution from the drilling process, which will be 24/7
- 2) Toxic fumes and gases being emitted from venting/ flaring, with probable harm to local residents' physical well being, and mental health, especially those with underlying respiratory conditions.
- 3) Production of large volumes of contaminated toxic water which will need very careful transportation and disposal.
- 4) Additional large numbers of HGVs and abnormal loads carrying site equipment, travelling through Burniston and other nearby rural villages on route to and from the site , on narrow roads in some places, with narrow

pavements, with associated risk of accidents, and noxious dust and fumes affecting large numbers of young children on walk-to-school routes, as well as other pedestrians, the elderly, vulnerable

5) Potential damage to our local geology from the proppant squeeze process causing hydraulic fracturing into an area with known rock fault lines, and additionally, the proposed site is very near weak, eroding cliffs, with already frequent natural rock falls, even without the impact of vibration from drilling.

6) Potential damage to the water table.. Also the Duchy land farm adjacent to the site relies solely on it's own water bore hole, which if contaminated, would render them without a water supply.

7) Europa's gas /fossil fuel development would increase Greenhouse Gas emissions at a crucial time of proven climate change, and at a time when both public and government wishes are to reduce CO2 and fossil fuel extraction.

Europa have not taken into account 'downstream emissions' of greenhouse gases, which would be imperative were the proposal to proceed to full extraction..... as implied by their statement to retain equipment on site after exploration.

8) This would be an undesirable, inappropriate and major industrial development extremely close to rural residential houses, the village of Burniston, and the beautiful Heritage Coast line, including an area of

Special Scientific Interest, the national Cleveland Way footpath, the adjacent Cinder track, and local footpaths, and would do absolutely nothing to protect or enhance this beautiful stretch of coastline, where tourists

flock annually in huge numbers to enjoy, walk and relax in.

9) This proposal would inevitably harm much local wildlife, especially birdlife, plus nocturnal wildlife and birds, disturbed and disorientated by noise and, flaring and floodlights.

In summary, this proposal to develop another 'on-land' gas extraction site, at a time of reducing 'on - land' gas usage has the potential to create great significant harm both to the local community and the environment,

and completely goes against the drive to produce the renewable energy that the current government is pursuing. Gas consumption and demand is reducing in the UK, and such a proposal will not result in cheaper gas bills,

or provide benefit for the local community. We do not import gas from Russia, and have sufficient supplies to meet the countries needs from gas from the North Sea, and countries such as Norway.

I sincerely hope the voice and opinion of local residents and those further afield will be fully taken into account.

I unreservedly strongly object to this proposal.

Yours sincerely

(Please redact my details)

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