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Subject: Application NY/2025/0030/ENV
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Dear Amy Taylor - Case Officer,

Re: Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

I am writing with regards 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 the application fully, I wish to object for the following reasons:

Firstly, I am very concerned about climate change and am opposed to the drilling for more gas when the science shows that burning gas releases more carbon dioxide and methane into the environment and exacerbates the effects of climate change. This is a real threat to our planet and the UK is moving to cleaner, renewable energy. Therefore, there is no need for this site and the impact of this site would do further damage to our planet.

The proposed drilling site is close to the cliffs and in a place of exceptional natural beauty. I am concerned at the impact on the landscape both the aesthetics and the very real possibility of the destabilisation of already precarious cliffs. Coastal erosion is a problem and underground drilling could further destabilise the land. There are residential properties (including my own) in the vicinity which could also be destabilised as well as the potential drop in value of property when the landscape is less beautiful than now. This is a tourist area and the impact of the drilling site could reduce visitor numbers. I am also genuinely concerned about the risk of earth tremors caused by drilling over coastal geological faults.

I am concerned about the impact on my (and my family's) quality of life. The drilling site will increase traffic (specifically HGVs) and increase light and noise pollution. This will adversely affect our sleep, ability to use our garden and our local infrastructure. The local roads are already busy, particularly in the summer, and are simply not large enough to take the increase in works vehicles.

The quality of the water is already an area of concern. Yorkshire Water are committing to trying to clean up our water supply and the sea water, however this site has the potential to further pollute the water. As someone who swims, surfs and paddle boards in the sea in the North Bay and coves to the north, this is a very real worry. The ecology of the area should be preserved.

Where I live, just off Station Road, is across the road from the fields which join up with the

proposed development site. I regularly see deer, owls, pheasants, foxes, rabbits and other animals. I would be devastated for the local wildlife if there were a reduction in their habitats and disruption to their natural patterns. The proposed drilling site would have a catastrophic impact on the local wildlife and natural environment which would be irreversible. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

In summary, for multiple reasons (as outlined) I am strongly opposed to the application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site and believe it could be catastrophic for the local (and wider) area as well as further harming our planet. The potential benefit to a large company in no way justifies the destruction it would do to the local environment.

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

Yours sincerely,

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