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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Miss Jane Allen.

Comments:

Grounds for objection:

The evidence shows that gas and oil power are contributing significantly to global warming and to climate change with all its attendant consequences - increased temperatures around the world, melting ice caps, flooding, devastating fires, coastal erosion to name just a few. As a nation, we have recognised this fact and are trying to move away from gas as a fuel source towards using cleaner renewable energy. I understand that the Council must consider the need to promote business and prosperity in the area. However, with this proposal, the costs far outweigh the benefits. It is my view, therefore, that the Council should say a firm 'No' to this planning application in the interests of the environment and of its residents and visitors to that environment.

Thinking initially of the residents who live in Burniston, the Council has a duty of care to protect them from harm. Allowing Europa Oil and Gas to drill for gas within metres of residents' houses would be grossly negligent of this duty. Potential harms include: deafening drilling, air pollution (including CO2 and methane, gas flaring), lorries pounding through streets (no doubt with the wider impact on an already very busy A64), risk to water supply, risk of earth tremors. It is hardly surprising that the local community are objecting.

Thinking more widely, the Council should understand the need to protect its heritage coast which is suffering increasingly from coastal erosion. We have spent millions on building sea walls and also propping up crumbling cliff sides and paths on the South Cliff. To take a decision to allow a project to go ahead which not only promotes climate change but could also lead to earth tremors and further crumbling of our cliffs doesn't make any sense.

Scarborough residents are lucky to live near the beautiful North York Moors National Park and the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Heritage Coast. This is what makes Scarborough such an attractive place to live in and helps draw holiday makers to our area. These are places which provide not only an amazing environment for us humans, but also for the wildlife and flora and fauna that depend on it. There is a need to protect them before it is too late. I object, therefore, to allowing an industrial development in such close proximity which could cause widespread harm. Even if you consider this point in purely financial terms, the area works as a 'package' for its tourists and its residents. The Council needs to recognise this and should not allow any organisation to damage this.

Even the name 'Europa Oil and Gas' does not exactly have the ring to it that you would want in our tourist focussed area. Instead of considering proposals that drag us back to a time of bad decision making, the Council should be looking to the future and considering renewable sources of energy - wind farming is an obvious one.