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

Dear Amy,

I am writing in connection to the above Planning Application, I have fully considered the implications which I had previously detailed in my first response to the proposal at the first stage for EIA on 1/08/2024 Ref. No. NY/2024/0113/SCR.

My objections to this are:

1. Pollution: Noise, Air, Light and Chemical – causing a negative impact to the villages, landscape, infrastructure, cultural heritage, tourism; due to noise, light and traffic pollution of the plans to drill & squeeze 24 hours per day. The timeline given is an ideal goal but not a guarantee.
2. Water Quality - contamination (drinking, sea water and flooding). Substantial risk of flooding sea water breaching, underground and flow back. There is a water treatment works (Yorkshire Water) close by and coastal erosion already an issue which will worsen this risk.
3. Traffic is already high, without HGV on the main road to Teesside. Traffic levels cause disturbance; road works wear and tear (cost to council) and will also affect the flow of ambulances and emergency services that pass through the villages on a regular basis.
4. The above impacts are disastrous to local ecology, biodiversity and human health.
5. Minimal Employment / Financial gain for locals. There is no ethical or other benefit for locals, national or global need for gas. As the need for gas has diminished and if approved to a company that has not got the United Kingdoms best interest at its heart (American owned). The gas extracted will not have any financial benefit, with any increase in employment for local people marginal. The company are likely to use their own workforce as training will take too long considering such fundamentals as: how will local workers get to the site, with no direct public transport to the site, will mean more traffic on the roads. Day to day operations will have negative unintended consequences.

I hope that my concerns outlined above give you enough scope on why I object, I tried to be as succinct as possible. Please consider these points at the planning committee review.

Yours Sincerely,

Suzanne Halkyard