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Dear Sirs,

I understand there has been a planning application by Europa Oil & Gas to drill for gas using a technique called proppant squeezing at Burniston near Scarborough. This is fracking by another name and I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this poisonous, destructive and unsafe process.

There has been a moratorium on fracking since November 2019 which was introduced mainly because fracking causes earthquakes. This is a blatant attempt to circumvent this moratorium.

Fracking was suspended at Preston New Road in Lancashire after more than 120 earth tremors were recorded during drilling. This has nothing to do with the volume of proppant, which appears to define the only difference between proppant squeezing and fracking. The proposed site at Burniston lies above a geological fault. This area does sometimes get earthquakes - a fairly strong one damaged my house in 2008 - that was centred on Market Rasen, which is further from me than Burniston. It would be crazy to start a project that is known to cause earthquakes in this area.

We do not need to be drilling for gas. Climate change is happening NOW and we are already past the 1.5 degree "limit" agreed in Paris in 2015. We do not want to be locking in gas production for another 20 years - the planet can't afford it and there are viable alternatives. There can be no new fossil fuel projects if we are to fulfil our legal obligations to tackle climate change.

The chemicals used in these processes are toxic and polluting. There is a very real danger of contaminating the local water courses and surrounding productive farmland. Once the chemicals have been introduced they cannot be removed from the environment.

Add to these objections the increase in noise and heavy traffic, gas flaring and air pollution, destruction of valuable farmland, disruption of the local tourist industry and depreciation in value of local properties and the whole idea defies belief. I have visited Scarborough on many occasions. It is a beautiful place and does not need to be ruined by unnecessary industrial development.

Please, please reject this application, which is totally unsuitable for very many reasons.

Kind regards,

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