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Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

Dear Ms Taylor,

I am writing in connection with 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. Fracking in but another name.

Having considered this fully, I wish to object for the following reasons:

- Increase in pollution and road noise from road haulage. Europa data (October 2024) states this first stage of drilling process will last 37 weeks (259 days) and involve 1054 HGVs travelling along Scalby Road/other roads entering the town and villages. The roundabout by the Jolly Sailors in Burniston is not safe nor fit for this high volume of haulage.
There is significant risk to individuals walking through the village and crossing roads with this increase in traffic. There is only 1 pedestrian crossing which is placed at the other end of the village. Children are encouraged to walk to school, and as the number of lorries increase, their safety will be at risk. This should be a major concern. Also the fumes will be breathed in, increasing respiratory issues.
- The drilling site is directly above a major fault system underground. This is highly likely to increase underground tremors and risk to our environment.
- Risk in pollution will increase. The village and population will be affected by the deafening drilling, dust and light pollution which I understand will be 24 hours a day. The gas fare will produce toxic fumes and smells making life in the village unpleasant and intolerable. All this no doubt will affect mental

health, increase headaches and general health. I chose to live in a quiet rural setting away from noise and pollution. I do not want to be prevented from enjoying our village and coastline.

- Tourism will be affected devastating our glorious countryside, our famous heritage coastline and National Park. The damage to wildlife and birdlife is unimaginable and this will not doubt impact on our tourism affecting numbers.
- Climate change is happening. Our government is moving to renewal energy; clean energy. Gas energy is not needed. Why would the local government go against government policy?

We all have a responsibility to halt climate change, not to add to the current evidence of extreme weather events which indicate irreversible tipping points in our climate patterns.

- Economic impact will affect house prices and the local economy. The gas industry will have no direct benefit for our local areas of concern.
- There is a risk that this could be 20 years of drilling. An appalling possibility.

I request to take the concerns raised seriously and vote to decline this request from Europa Oil and Gas.

Your Sincerely,

Mr Adrian Sartain