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Sunday 23 March 2025

Amy Taylor - Case Officer  
Planning Department  
North Yorkshire Council  
County Hall  
Racecourse Lane  
Northallerton  
DL7 8AD

Re: Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV

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.

Having considered this fully, I wish to object for a number of reasons - particularly the following two:

1. Traffic Congestion

The main access roads to the site, whether going south through Scalby, Newby and Scarborough or north through Burniston and Cloughton are in places narrow and can already become congested. Residents turning onto the main routes from side streets face particular safety concerns through lack of visibility of oncoming vehicles - this danger would increase owing to the extra traffic.

2. Consequences of permitting this initial Application to test

If this initial application is approved and detects commercially viable reserves of gas it will make it very much more difficult for the Council to justify refusals of subsequent applications for permanent well-heads in this and other locations nearby. Further well-heads would involve additional drilling and disruption for decades to come which would greatly affect the character of these residential and tourist areas.

In my opinion it would be best to refuse this application now to ensure the future enjoyment of this beautiful Heritage Coast.

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

Malcolm Brooks