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Sent: 23 March 2025 21:09
To: Planning Control
Subject: Objection to application reference NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Planning,

I would like to register my objection to the application for drilling at Burniston.

My reasons include:

- Whilst Europa's application is for 'exploration' they are planning for 20 years of production and there will (as Europa itself admits) be more applications for drilling sites in the area. Giving them permission for one development will give them precedence to develop other sites. This application must be reviewed in light of the whole future possible outcome.
- Fracking will affect the character of our heritage coast including visual intrusion, noise, dust, light pollution (from gas flaring and compound lighting), and an estimated 1,050 HGV movements during the exploration phase (with more if production were to go ahead). This is not compatible with a heritage coast and bordering the North Yorkshire moors.
- Gas flaring will produce toxic fumes, unpleasant smells, and night-time light pollution. Air pollution is a serious health issue across the nation and every effort has to be made to keep air clean everywhere.
- The drilling site will require many HGVs to turn across a busy main road on a blind corner directly endangering life.
- many people love to visit Scarborough area and up the coast past Burniston, and will be put off by what will be an infamous controversial development. local people depend upon tourism—guesthouses, pubs, cafes, shops, etc. Fracking will put people off visiting the area, reducing incomes and costing jobs
- Europa wants an industrial development in a largely residential and rural area— close to our National Park and Heritage Coast—even though North Yorkshire Council has a presumption against major development in the area • UK National Planning Policy Framework advises against 'inappropriate development'.
 - drilling for gas is not compatible with the North Yorkshire plan to become net zero.
- Atmospheric CO2 levels continue to rise due to human use of fossil fuels and the impact of climate change is clear to see—storms, floods, rising sea levels, extreme heat, and so on • The UK is transitioning to clean energy, and we simply do not need more gas production • Permission for extraction elsewhere in the UK (Surrey, Cumbria) has been turned down by the High Court because of the CO2 and other emissions from using the gas and coal—so what is the point of disruptive and polluting 'exploration' activities in our area?
- Fracking produces large volumes of polluted water, which will contain fracking chemicals and may contain radioactive materials from deep underground. This must be transported by HGV tankers and disposed of—but it is not clear where, and with what impact on the environment?

This is not an industry that Yorkshire would be proud of.

Yours
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