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To: Planning Control
Subject: Objection to Application NY/2025/0030/ENV (Burniston)

Good afternoon

I wish to register my objection to the planning application by Europa to drill for gas extraction near Burniston.

My personal interest in this application is threefold: I walk the coast path; (and the proposed site is only 1km away; and given that I formally objected to the fracking application/operation at Kirby Misperton in 2016, this application in Burniston raises all the same concerns. It may be called 'proppant squeezing' but it is first cousin to fracking and would effectively break the government ban on fracking through the back door.

My objections are related to the environment, traffic, climate change and amenity value:

- significant pollution will inevitably occur on account of deafening drilling, dust and site illumination 24/7, HGV fumes and noise, intermittent gas flaring (with associated toxic fumes and smells), and possible contamination of water sources
- such conditions and risks will be suffered by villagers, local farmers, visitors and wildlife, with potentially 20 years of gas production and 4 further rigs - the drill site is very close to some homes and a SSSI, and generally subjects a rural village to industrial development
- the drilling site is directly above a geological fault (Peak Fault) with the concomitant risks to underground and surface water sources and to the likelihood of tremors
- the cliffs are already weak along the nearby coastline so subject to landslip
- the increased HGV traffic in Scarborough, Scalby and Burniston itself would be horrendous (Europa's own figures state 37 weeks in the first stage and 1,054 lorry movements)
- tourism could be damaged by a decline in visitors affecting the local economy - the Heritage Coast and Cleveland Way are nearby, the cycle path along the cinder track, visitors pass through to Ravenscar and/or Whitby and nearby Scarborough
- the overriding concern is the effect of more fossil fuel extraction and burning on climate change the UK is moving to renewable clean energy and is committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and the International Energy Agency (IEA) has stated that no new fossil fuel projects should be approved if we are to meet climate goals

The oil and gas industry is always about profit: Europa are in this for the money riding over any environmental, climate, and community and amenity concerns. No mitigation is acceptable against the effects of this proposed industrial development on the rest of us, especially local people whom you should be listening to and protecting.

I believe all my above points align with planning law considerations and should be persuasive grounds for rejecting this application. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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