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I wish to object in the strongest terms to this application on the following grounds. All scientific advice clearly indicates that if we wish to avoid the worst consequences of climate change we must abandon the use of fossil fuels as rapidly as possible and, specifically, that no new oil or gas fields should be developed. There is, therefore, no possible excuse for permitting even exploratory activity of the kind proposed which, if successful, would further jeopardise the chances of achieving net zero by 2050, something which the UK is legally committed to and which is obviously crucial if our children and grandchildren are to inherit a habitable planet.

Furthermore, the applicants are apparently intending to exploit a loophole in the regulatory framework which bans fracking on grounds that are patently specious and without advancing any evidence that the technique of 'propanol squeezing' would be any less seismically dangerous and environmentally polluting than establishing fracking technology. Finally, given that the establishment of a gasfield on this site would, in however small a way, contribute to the risks that threaten the future of the planet it should be unnecessary to point out that the prospect of an industrial development of this kind adjacent to a residential area, within a short distance of both a national park and an environmentally valuable stretch of coastline and in an area which is heavily dependent on tourism is obviously undesirable in every possible way.

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