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

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

Dear Amy,

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 the following reasons:

1. Road Safety, in particular additional HGV traffic

The roads in the Burniston and Cloughton area are narrow, which limits the ability of larger vehicles to pass each other unhindered, especially when cars are parked on the roads.

The roads are already very busy, especially in the summer.

2. Environmental Pollution

There would be additional noise and pollution from the HGVs.

There would be light pollution from gas flaring.

The drilling could produce noise and air pollution.

The process of extraction would require the use of large volumes and tonnages of waste material that would need removal and treating or storing elsewhere.

There is a risk that underground water sources could become contaminated.

There is a risk that the drilling process could have seismic consequences and interfere with ground stability.

Close to the drill site we have areas of national significance such as SSSIs, Jurassic coastline, sensitive nature and ecology such as seals. These features also attract tourism.

3. Amenity

The area where drilling is to take place is a quiet rural area which is visually beautiful which is of benefit to locals and tourism. The visual impact of drilling equipment would destroy the natural beauty of the area.

The establishment of a drill site in the area does not respect the general character of the area. It would be inappropriate to have drilling equipment in a rural area in close proximity to dwellings, etc.

4. Climate Change

It is generally accepted that we should be burning less fossil fuels and looking for alternative ways of producing energy.

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

Yours sincerely,

Konrad Blattner