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To: Planning Control
Subject: New comments for application NY/2025/0030/ENV

New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Miss Rachel Robinson.

Comments:
Dear Amy Taylor,

Re: NY/2025/0030/ENV

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed gas drilling application in Cloughton. As an individual who was born as well as raised in Cloughton, where twenty years were spent and regular visits still occur, I am deeply concerned about the negative effects this project could have on the health of family and friends, local wildlife, along with the enjoyment of the Yorkshire Coast (particularly the Cleveland Way) by countless tourists.

The potential health risks linked with gas drilling are well-documented. A recent article by a local doctor and co-chair of Greener Practice York and North Yorkshire highlights these concerns:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fimsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com%2Fwis%2Fclicktime%2Fv1%2Fquery%3Furl%3Dwww.examinerlive.co.uk%252fnews%252flocal-news%252fdoctors-health-fears-gas-drilling-31238772%26umid%3D82ABCC75-312E-DF06-B298-9C47A300A3A7%26auth%3Dde41389fcd07b045c2bf0b8b6a6bb2cde097bfb7-58ce37fa020faaedfe7653065d09e149cbdfd332&data=05%7C02%7CPlanning.Control%40northyorks.gov.uk%7Cfa9eaea4d7640b54b6f08dd6bcab54d%7Cad3d9c73983044a1b487e1055441c70e%7C0%7C0%7C638785240568540070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIiIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOIjoiTW FpbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wwg%2BpWrT7Qtue5QknFahzK0hx0C9XftPgzemYtDEAPM%3D&reserved=0>. These risks include increased air pollution, which could lead to higher rates of asthma among children, and more respiratory issues for the elderly. This would inevitably put additional pressure on the NHS in Scarborough, given the high percentage of elderly residents and visitors.

Furthermore, the increased traffic on the A165 resulting from this proposal would likely deter many visitors who drive to the area, negatively affecting local tourism.

From an ethical perspective, I believe this proposal would tarnish the conscience of Scarborough Council. Having lived abroad in several developing countries, I question the justification of new fossil fuel extraction in a developed country such as the UK. Instead, I strongly believe that we should be investing in the meaningful production of green energy, and gradual phasing out of fossil fuels. This aligns with our global influence. It also reflects our responsibility to lead in sustainable practices.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Robinson