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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Dr Simon Gibbon.

Comments:

I want to object to this planning application for a wide range of reasons.

Personally, as a resident of the North York Moors National Park I am keen that any developments should benefit the UK. So while I would support battery storage, solar panels and wind turbines if appropriate as they are needed to get us to Net Zero and protect our environment, I can not support the production of gas which will not improve the UK's energy security and is likely to contribute to a longer retention of gas in the supply of energy in the UK, hindering the UK's need to accelerate to Net Zero.

Unlike a wind turbine, a fracking site will not be self-contained but an industrial site which will require continuous servicing involving continual heavy goods movements with associated dust, pollution and risks caused by additional transport. This is inappropriate for this coastal area of North Yorkshire, and would certainly act to discourage me from renewing my regular acquaintance with the area around for Burniston which I have previously walked and cycled around.

Professionally, I am disappointed that while this is really a fracking application with potentially the same risks that have lead to traditional fracking being abandoned in the UK, the application chooses to largely disguise this. The fracking lite process is less tested than traditional fracking and as it involves applying pressure in confined underground space, there is considerable risk which hasn't been properly quantified and therefor hardly addressed in the application.

As experienced in much of the US fracking country, there is considerable risk to our environment from the need to inject chemicals underground and the unexpected pollution which has occurred. While these chemicals are classed as more environmentally friendly than those used in traditional fracking, this is largely due to lack of experience of there wide scale use and Burniston near to the coast is not an appropriate location to experiment with the chemicals or the fracking lite approach.

The net biodiversity offered by this project is not large and appears fragile, I suspect that with the best will in the world it will not be delivered as described, as it relies on small improvements in ecological quality, which would be more likely happen if area is left alone and not subject to being close to sources of noise, pollution, light pollution and dust.

In summary I object to the development of a fracking industry in Burniston because it is inappropriate to industrialise this area, the gas produced is not of benefit to the UK, the gas will delay the UK's transition to Net Zero, increase transported will degrade the quality of local people's lives in the area and discourage tourism, as such the development will likely remove more jobs than it creates in the area.

I hope that the planning process will not allow this inappropriate development.