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To: Amy Taylor  
Planning Dept.,  
and Planning Committee members  
N.Yorks County Council

Dear Planning Department and Planning Committee members

Re: Application no. NY/2025/0030/ENV by Europa Oil & Gas  
for Appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill, N.Yorks

I respectfully write to you to reject the above application for the following reasons:

- There is very little evidence of the effects of proppant squeeze on the land around the drilling sites. What evidence there is does not convince me that the area will be left unscathed. Slurry injected into a well to fracture surrounding rocks is really small-scale fracking. Proppant squeezing is just an attempt to use a loophole in the UK's moratorium on the fossil fuel extraction programme.
- The increase in heavy lorry use of the already creaking road infrastructure in Burniston and Cloughton will endanger the lives and health of our children and grandchildren. Walking to school will be more dangerous and the air quality will definitely deteriorate.
- Very little thought has been given to the effect on the local environment caused by drilling and by the methane gas in the air.

- Above all, why on earth don't we invest in renewable energy projects instead of unproven gas extraction. There is no need to pollute our country when renewable energy schemes would provide the same energy without the pollution.

Many thanks for taking the time to read these comments and I trust that the committee will reject the application unreservedly because of its threat to the wellbeing of the whole community.

Yours respectfully

David Oliver