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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. The main industry in the area is tourism which will be adversely affected by the unsightly 30m tower, the noise, the pollution, and the increased traffic on already inadequate roads.
2. The wildlife in the area cannot fail to be adversely affected. The site borders on an area of dark skies yet the plant will be lit 24/7, disrupting wildlife patterns, which will also be affected by the noise, air pollution etc.
3. I am at a loss to understand how this process can be legal when it is so remarkably similar to fracking which is not legal for a barrage of reasons (all of which also apply to this euphemistically named 'proppant squeeze').
4. Europa has admitted that there will be water pollution from the run-off.

I also fail to understand what right a company from the other side of the country (and therefore completely unaffected by the disruption) has to be making a profit from damaging our landscape, wildlife and quality of life!

A council is paid to work in the interests of the people and the county itself. There is no way that this can be considered advantageous for either (and, to be honest, even if there was the tiniest risk that it might be damaging to the area, that should be enough for you all to stop it from going ahead). Europa's claims to provide the locality with the benefit of increased employment opportunities is quite at odds with their claim that this operation will be carried out on a small scale.

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

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Oliver