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Ms Amy Taylor - Case Officer
Planning Department North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
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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 Ms Taylor,

I understand that Europa Oil and Gas have made a planning application in relation to exploration and drilling at a site which will involve land underneath the neighbourhood in which I live.

I have read and listened to the arguments in favour of this application and would be grateful if you can register my observations and objections:

1. In order for the UK to reach Net Zero by 2050 it is essential to reduce and ultimately eliminate the extraction of fossil fuels by putting resources into renewable sources of energy.
As a household, we have made this a financial priority in the last year by fitting solar panels on our roof and installing a battery and a solar boost water heating device, greatly reducing our consumption of gas and virtually eliminating our use of electricity from the national grid. Several of my friends and contacts in the neighbourhood have taken similar measures. This demonstrates that we, as local residents, are prepared to put significant resources into reducing carbon emissions and to play our part in respecting the integrity of creation, especially for the sake of future generations. This being so, I object to shareholders, who are not residents of this area, being given permission to exploit and potentially damage the local environment for personal profit and to the detriment of national carbon zero goals.
2. The site under consideration is an area rich in wildlife, especially at night, with barn owls, badgers and deer being regularly in evidence. The light pollution and noise pollution will be a significant deterrent to all these creatures and I object to the destruction of their habitat.

3. The proposed site is in an area which is particularly valued and respected as a place of beauty for both the local tourist industry and for recreation. The site is between the Cleveland Way and the Cinder track Sustrans cycle and walking route, both important features of the area's appeal to visitors. It will be a visible and audible feature of an otherwise non-industrial landscape where many come to seek refreshment and to enjoy the local countryside, and I object to this resource being threatened by these proposals. When the new water treatment plant was built, considerable effort and expense was put in to make this blend in with the local landscape and architecture.
4. The local road network will be adversely affected by an increase in the heavy traffic associated with this application. The three main roads leading to this site are all narrow twisting routes, passing within 2 metres of residential buildings. All three routes are used by a significant number of schoolchildren and pedestrians and I object to the threat to their safety, and to the increase in traffic noise, which has been shown to raise stress hormones in local residents.
5. Although the application is for test drilling, if this is approved it will set a legal precedent and by implication will make the application for years of gas extraction much more likely to be approved, and therefore this current application has implications far beyond what it appears to be about.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Rosemary E Coles