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Dear Amy

I am writing to object to the above planning application made by Europa Oil and Gas for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill site.

Europa's chief executive Will Holland has claimed that opponents to this application are providing misinformation, but the truth is that he is the master of misinformation.

Europa claim that they will not be fracking but using proppant squeeze, but Mr Holland is using this fabricated semantic distinction to distort the truth.

Fracking is the term used to refer to the fracturing of rock to extract gas or oil by injecting high-pressure fluid (water and chemicals) which allows the gas or oil to be extracted.

The term proppant squeeze should really be used to describe the action of propping open the already fractured rock to squeeze out more gas, usually used to enhance production, but Europa's application is for new drilling. They will need to fracture the rock in the first place. Proppant squeeze needs lower pressure and less water because the rock is already fractured but this is not the case at Burniston. Even if you accept the distinction, proppant squeeze still uses high pressure and a high volume of water and toxic chemicals.

Ironically Europa themselves referred to their planned drilling at Burniston as fracking asking the NSTA whether it would support drilling a well " which would subsequently be fracked." They are only now claiming a semantic distinction in order to gain permission to carry out drilling. If their application is successful, they plan to be here for 20 years and to create the largest gas field in the UK.

Europa claims their drilling will be 'perfectly safe' that "dust and noise impacts on ecology and pollution of land or water could be avoided completely or reduced to non-significant levels" but their opinion is based on flawed and partial not independent research. A scientific review into fracking by the British geological survey says there is still a limited understanding of the impacts of such drilling.

The huge amounts of water needed will have significant environmental cost. The harmful chemicals used could escape and contaminate groundwater. Many local residents will remember the Holbeck Hall hotel sliding into the sea and clifftop walkers can see various landslips.

Please consider the increased volume of traffic along already busy roads and the problems and dangers of vehicular access, noise and toxic fumes pollution and the impact this will have on the local village neighborhood and residents. This drilling will have significantly damaging consequences to the health and well-being of local residents, the environment, wildlife tourism and our beautiful Heritage Coast.

I ask that you reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harriott

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