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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 have already written a letter in connection with the above Planning Application but following receipt of additional information, I would like to add the following details to my original objections.

**Ecological Appraisal**

The ecological appraisal carried out by ADAS in June 2024 includes a section on birds (3.2.2.1). This report states that the area has potential to support notable bird species of conservation concern in the UK during the breeding season, but non were seen or included in the survey (only 4 common species were reported on the day). It is significant that ADAS's ecologist only made one visit to the site, and that was at the end of the breeding season. Six visits are usually recommended for such a survey, or at the very least, a minimum of three in the spring to detect all species.

The report also failed to examine records kept by other organisations of breeding birds located in the neighbourhood.

A local Ornithologist, who is often involved with breeding bird surveys used by ecologists for impact assessment in planning processes, agreed to look at the site area for us. His report is mainly based on breeding species identified under recent environmental legislation.

Please find this report also attached to this email.

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

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Green