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To: Planning Control
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my objection to the planning application by Europa for the construction, drilling and testing of a site to extract gas in Burniston. This is for a number of reasons:

- The government is committed to reducing our carbon footprint with an emphasis on encouraging new green energy sources. Gas production from this proposed drilling site is completely contrary to that objective. We should be encouraging green energy production not more fossil fuel production which is known to cause climate change.
- This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and scientific significance and attracts tourists from all over the world who want to enjoy the unspoilt countryside. Although the application says that it will be build more than 250 metres from main trails etc, a drill of this size will spoil the natural beauty of the area from miles away let alone its immediate vicinity. It will also disturb local wildlife habitats.
- There is a significant risk of seismic activity which could cause damage to the land or buildings under which the proposed works will stretch causing distress to the local people, birds and animals.
- The proposed use of “Proppant Squeeze” process is essentially the same as fracking which the government has banned.
- Part of the charm of this area is the peace and quiet. This site will cause noise disturbance not only to local people/tourists (if any still come) but also to local wild life.
- The fumes from the site machinery and vehicles used in its construction and operation will cause air pollution not only dangerous to local people but also the wildlife. There are schools, local housing and walkways very close to the site.
- Light pollution caused from the pit operating through the night which again disturb local people and nocturnal wildlife.
- The drill will affect tourism for the reasons set out above which in turn will affect the area’s employment and economy the majority of which is dependent on tourism. It is likely that Europa will use its own trained personnel from out of the area to run the operation so it won’t bring job opportunities.
- The roads around Scarborough are already very heavy with traffic particularly in the summer and with the increase in housing in the area which the roads cannot cope with as it is. This proposed drilling site will bring even more traffic and heavy noisy HGVs to our roads.
- Scarborough relies on underground water sources which could be exposed to contamination or damage from this operation.
- I am not aware of any good reason to support this application. The only people who might benefit are the shareholders of Europa.

I very much hope that my concerns and those which have been raised locally and nationally will be given very serious consideration by the Planning Committee reviewing this application.

Yours sincerely

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