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For the Attention

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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 an additional response to the above Planning Application made by Europa Oil and Gas.

This is based on my reading of the Environmental Impact statements provided by the company. Specifically I want to challenge the description of the impact on birds by their operation.

The company's evidence focuses on the birds seen on the site during a single "walk" and describes the nesting opportunities on the site of their proposed operation as negligible. This is done in a quite derisory way, mentioning "a single lapwing". There are no details about what time of year, time of day, weather conditions, visibility, use of bird watching apps or the naked eye, during the survey. Nor does it address, which is much more indicative of serious environmental impact, the surrounding environment.

The proposed site in Burniston is less than a mile from Long Nab and also from Scalby Lodge Pond. Both are sites frequented by bird watchers from around the country. On their websites there are photographs of many birds including Barn Owls, Bramblings, Northern Wheateaters, Chiff Chaffs and Tundra Geese amongst others. This coastal locations hosts a huge range of birds, some migrating through and is therefore a huge draw for "Twitchers". Long Nab state that 245 different species of birds have been observed from their site alone!

Europa have been disingenuous in limiting the focus of their survey in an attempt to mislead the planning committee and local residents.

I believe that the noise of drilling, disturbances associated with building, the use of cranes, movement and pollution from multiple h.g.v's, light pollution and fumes from flaring, and constant vibrations will have a significant impact on birds in this wider, wilder, location.

A process whereby the only environmental survey undertaken is by the Oil and Gas company who have a vested interest and stand to financially profit from the results is fundamentally flawed.

A planning system that allows such evidence to be partial is not fit for purpose in my view. To be frank it's allowing "the fox to take charge of the chicken house".

I expect you to reject this proposal.

Jayne