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Amy Taylor - Case Officer

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Re:Planning Ref No NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Amy

I am writing in connection with the above Planning Application made by Europa Oil and Gas for the construction, drilling and testing of this site to extract gas through a proppant squeeze process.

Having considered this fully, I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. Pollution - Deafening drilling, dust, light pollution all day and night. Gas flaring - toxic fumes and bad smells. Water supply at risk by infiltration. All this leads to an adverse effect on mental health.
2. Road Safety - thousands of HGVs driving through Scarborough and the surrounding districts busy narrow roads.
3. Industrial Development - precious farmland destroyed, drill site very close to homes and rural villages. Possible 20 years production of gas and 4 further rigs totally unacceptable in this rural environment.
4. Tourism - Devastating the countryside including the Heritage Coastline and Cleveland Way. Very close (1km) from the National Park and very close to weak cliffs. Damage to wildlife birdlife and Site of Special Scientific Interest. Gas field very off putting to tourists and visitors - will affect businesses. Local peoples voices must be heard - people have lived in these villages all of their lives and the noise and disruption from this work will make their lives intolerable.
5. Climate Change - This is at critical point! Burning gas creates more carbon dioxide and methane. Other gas sites in the UK have been shut down due to downstream emissions (gases). The UK is moving to renewable, clean energy - we dont need more gas production!
6. No cheap gas bill as gas is sold internationally.

7. Earth Tremors - There is a risk of Earth tremors caused by drilling over coastal geological faults.

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

Yours sincerely  
Matthew Baldwin