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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 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. The fact that on 26th October the independent Committee on Climate Change recommended that the government should reduce territorial greenhouse gas emissions by 81% by 2035 in relation to 1990 emission levels. The Energy Secretary also stated that 'Rapid reductions in fossil fuel dependence are the best way to enhance UK energy security.' I believe that regardless of whether fossil fuel projects take place on or offshore that they are damaging to the environment and therefore I cannot understand why this project should go ahead in any shape or form as it is contradictory to the stated aims and the intention to move towards renewable, clean energy.

2. I believe that the proposal by Europa Oil and Gas would have a very serious impact locally here in North Yorkshire. The site is within the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Heritage Coast, which includes the coastal footpath and the North York Moors National Park is only 800m to the north of the site. The proposed development includes a 38m high drilling rig which would be extremely prominent and could significantly affect the views from the National Park and surrounding areas. In addition, the gas flaring would be evident with potential for toxic fumes and smells.

3. I am extremely concerned about road safety and the impact of over 1,150 HGV movements that Europa says would take place at the site during the construction, drilling and completion phases. The planning application makes it clear that these HGVs would get to the site via not only the Coastal and Scalby roads but also from the North via Whitby Road and through Cloughton. I cannot believe that this is acceptable, the site itself is just at the end of a 60mph stretch of road from Scarborough and the turning at the Three Jolly Sailors roundabout from the south is circa 270 degrees. The volume of turning lorries and congestion would in my view be unacceptable on roads that are already really congested and at times unsafe. This I believe would affect the quality of life of people in Burniston and the local area.

4. I believe that these plans have the potential to have an extremely damaging impact on a very beautiful part of the countryside that is home to a thriving local community and host to thousands of visitors each year. The visitors come for many reasons and not least because of the wonderful wildlife, birdlife and the fact that the coast is a part of the Heritage coast and a Site of Special Scientific interest.

I really hope that my concerns and those of virtually everyone I meet and who will hopefully also object are fully taken into account by the Planning Committee during your review process.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsay A Sessions