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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Miss Dawn Trainer.

**Comments:**

I'm writing as a concerned local resident to strongly object to the proposed gas drilling at Burniston. This plan threatens so much of what makes this area special. Burniston and the surrounding countryside are cherished not only for their natural beauty, but also for the peace and quiet they provide. Many of us moved here for exactly that reason - to enjoy a quieter life, close to nature. The thought of heavy industrial equipment, lorries thundering down narrow roads, dust in the air, and the constant low hum of machinery is frankly distressing. This is not what we want on our doorstep.

The environmental impact alone is enough to raise alarm. Drilling for fossil fuels at this stage - when we're meant to be moving towards net zero - is a backwards step. It contradicts both national and global goals to reduce emissions and protect our planet for future generations.

There's also a real and frightening risk to water quality. In other areas, drilling has been linked to contamination of groundwater - once that damage is done, it's impossible to undo. We cannot gamble with something as vital as our drinking water.

The roads around Burniston are not suitable for constant heavy traffic. The increased noise, danger, and pollution would affect residents daily and make life here noticeably worse. House prices will almost certainly fall. Tourism will suffer - people don't come here to see gas rigs or breathe in dust; they come for the beauty and peace of the coast and countryside.

Perhaps the most heartbreaking concern is the impact on mental health. For some, the thought of this kind of industrial development invading their peaceful home environment is unbearable. People feel powerless, anxious, and deeply unsettled - and I genuinely fear it could lead to someone taking their own life. That is how serious this is. It's not just about energy or economics; it's about human wellbeing.

The promise that this kind of project will help lower fuel costs simply isn't true - the energy extracted won't lead to cheaper bills for local people. Meanwhile, it's local communities who pay the price: in lost peace, lost value, lost health.

I urge you to listen to the people who live here. Please reject this application and protect the land, the peace, and the wellbeing of everyone who calls this area home.