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**To:** Planning Control  
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Dear Madam/Sir,

We wish to object vehemently to the proposed plans by Europa Oil and Gas to drill for gas near Burniston, Scarborough.

We have lived in Settrington for 25 years, and in that time we've made regular trips to the north and east Yorkshire coastline, enjoying the beautiful scenery and the wildlife. We've considered ourselves extremely lucky to be able to live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with a National Park next door. We never dreamed we would have to write a letter like this.

First, we understand that Europa are exploiting a loophole in the law regarding the moratorium on fracking, by claiming that what they will do will not be fracking under the law's definition. This is clearly nonsense - they want to inject liquid to fracture rocks, which is fracking.

And so, since this will in fact be fracking, all previous objections can apply. The spoiling of the landscape with a 100ft drilling rig. The damage to the wildlife we consider so precious from the vibrations and pollution. The potential damage to the beautiful but very fragile cliffs. The air, noise and light pollution ruining air quality, peace and natural darkness for residents, visitors and creatures. The vast increase in HGV traffic - on small country roads. The potential contamination of natural water supplies.

North Yorkshire relies on tourism. People love it here, for the reasons we love it and many more. This outrageous, shameful and deceitful attempt by Europa to make yet more money out of a resource which must be left in the ground if we are to halt the juggernaut that is the climate emergency will damage the tourism industry because of all the other irreparable damage Europa will cause. We are sickened and grief-stricken. Please, please, do not allow this.

Yours sincerely,  
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