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We have recently returned from visiting our very good friend who lives in Scholes Park Road, Scarborough. A visit, which we often undertake twice a year, and which enables us to experience both the unique coastal landscape, and particularly the Scarborough sea front.

During our stay we learnt of this proposed development and would object most strongly to the current planning application for the reasons outlined below.

The scale of the undertaking appears huge; twenty - four seven operation seems to be proposed, and the extraction of fossil fuel adversely affects climate change which the world is trying to manage.

The surrounding road network would appear to be inadequate for the delivery of the necessary construction plant to carry out the exploratory works; and even more congestion and pollution will occur should the development become operational.

Burning off unwanted gases, and floodlighting the development will further pollute the area. As will the noise which will accompany both the on-site and off site operations.

Trying to envisage the drilling rig, ancillary buildings, security fencing and gas flare creates a most unwelcome "blot" on the landscape.

Also, the method of extraction is not proven to be un-detrimental to the local geology where unstable cliffs and geological fault lines could cause significant land instability. Furthermore there are no guarantees against potential ground water contamination.

Such developments are not significant employers of local people, even if the lorries are locally sourced, but tend to use specialists from afar.

And finally, but by no means of less importance, the local flora and fauna are most certain to suffer, immaterial of any proposed mitigation measures.

Overall, in our opinion, a planning application which should be refused.

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