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DL7 8AD Re Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

Dear Ms Taylor,

I am writing concerning 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.

I have given this a lot of thought and I wish to object most strongly for all the following reasons:

1. [REDACTED] and raised in Scarborough and have lived here for most of my life and know this area like the back of my hand. I love our coast-line and care deeply what happens to it. Over my lifetime I have watched bits of it disappear into the searecent posts on facebook have recorded recent cliff falls - visits to Rocks Beach at Burniston tell the same story. The National Trust 's Enterprise Neptune launched in 1965 by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh with the objective to protect the remaining 900 miles of unspoilt coastline around the UK, proclaimed in their leaflet 'An Introduction to the Yorkshire Coast', 'In Yorkshire virtually all the coast from Redcar to Flamborough Head is worthy of the Trust's protection' This includes the coastal path, The Cleveland Way within a few metres of the proposed site of the drilling. THIS COASTLINE IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION. However it is described, the process involved in 'proppant squeeze' inevitably involves invasive damage to the underlying structure of what are already unstable cliffs of our heritage coast. The site is above a known complex geological fault system which is difficult to map.
2. This area attracts both walkers using the Cleveland Way and Cyclists using the National Cycle Network- The Cinder Track linking Scarborough and Whitby, which is gradually being updated to a high standard – it has to cross Burniston Road close to the proposed site can you imagine the road chaos caused by use of the light controlled crossing on this route as the already busy Coastal Road becomes the access road, to the site, near to this crossing, for the succession of HGV's servicing the proposed site.

3. My concerns for the progress of **1,054 HGVs** go far beyond the area close to the site. Scalby Road is frequently clogged with traffic already delaying access to the hospital, Sixth Form College and the various schools situated on the west side of Scarborough. Scalby Road is also subject to flooding in heavy rain which causes further delays. In Burniston the mini-roundabout is situated close to housing and the thought of a succession of HGV's negotiating this is too frightening to anticipate. I understand that the proposed access route will also involve progress along Falsgrave and South Cliff routes already suffering from congestion and frequently subject to hold-ups throughout the year and certainly exacerbated during the holiday season. Who will foot the bill for the inevitable increased wear and tear to the road surfaces? I understand that the large lorries will be in operation every day except Sunday causing inevitable frustration to weekend holiday traffic and to Scarborough residents seeking leisure activities in the nearby National Park.

4. There has recently been an explosion in housebuilding in Burniston Village, already causing increased congestion. Interest is now dwindling in these much needed homes due to these pending proposals.

5. There will be no local benefit from the exploration and Europa Oil and Gas have acknowledged that any gas found will go to the highest bidder and may well be exported.

6. There is no guarantee that all the contaminated water will be extracted and some will certainly find its way through the fractured rocks into local streams and into the sea, causing further pollution and danger to the local fauna and flora.

7. Much of the local community is dependent on tourismthe Duchy of Lancaster owns a nearby local establishment for this purpose... I can't imagine that people will wish to visit an area where malodorous toxic fumes are present due to Gas flaring and where the night sky is polluted by light.

I could go on ...but I'm sure you are well aware of all the reasons why this proposal should be thrown out. Please save our heritage coast for future generations to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

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