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Dear Amy Taylor.

I am writing to express my objection to the proposal to grant Europa Gas and Oil a licence to use hydraulic fracturing at Burniston. Reference: **NY/2025/0030/ENV**

I have MANY reasons why I think this would be a dangerous and short sighted decision, please see below:

- **Fracking** has now been banned in the UK, despite Europa calling the process a ‘propane squeeze’, it’s in effect - still using the same process of fracturing the rocks and the fact that Europa is abusing a loophole in policy is despicable.
- Burniston simply doesn’t have the **infrastructure** to support the amount of HGV on the already congested, narrow roads which weren’t built to withstand this.
- We don’t know the **long term effects this additional pollution** will have on the health of people in the area, especially those with respiratory issues.
- The village of Burniston has a **strong local community** - with the cycle track, cinder path, local caravan sites, walking to school routes etc. To introduce HGV barrelling down the high street will absolutely cause an impact on the local community, both socially, emotionally and physically.
- The **long term damage on the coastline**, and the effects this ‘propane squeeze’ aka, fracking is unknown, this is of the upmost concern for all who live locally.
- There are also known **fault lines** through the local area. How will this fracking affect the already crumbling coastline?
- **These proposed Europa plans won’t result in lower fuel bills or greater fuel security**, as it’s suggested. All fuel produced will only be sold on the open market, available for anywhere. There are no plans for it to be offered at a discount rate for the local community, or the UK. **It therefore has no benefit to the local community and economy**, Europa aren’t providing jobs etc. So who is this for? Stakeholders and the open market, and at what cost?! At no point has the local economy been considered.
- How will this impact **local wildlife and agriculture?**
- We are seeing globally the **devastating impacts of pollution, rising CO2 levels**. We must do our upmost to invest in renewable energy sources, which don’t carry such huge risks.

Increased CO2 will be created by both the hydraulic fracturing process and the eventual emissions caused by burning any gas extracted; We know we need to reduce our CO2 emissions if we want to slow climate disaster.

- Do we want to stand for our local landscape, the lives of both wildlife and people living locally, or stand aside and be on the wrong side of history? **We desperately need to be investing in renewable energy resources, not abusing fracking loopholes for a quick fix.**

I think it's appalling what's being proposed by Europa. It has absolutely no benefit to the local community and the wider community of Scarborough, both economically, socially or physically. In addition, the impact that this proposal has on the wellbeing and mental health of local people, who are rightly so, bereft at the thought of their local community being decimated for Europa to gain a quick energy fix, is devastating.

My parents live in Burniston, and I've grown up in Scarborough / Burniston since I was 13, and have been visiting since I was a child. I love Burniston, its local community, the landscape, and the beautiful nature. I would strongly oppose this proposal anywhere, as I believe in a future of renewable energy, but I felt I had to email to state my objections clearly, as someone who is particularly invested in the local community.

This proposal is heartbreaking, and must be rejected.

Many thanks for your time reading this.

Yours sincerely,

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