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Dear Councillors

I was astonished and very concerned to hear about the application by Europa Oil and Gas to carry out what they are calling a proppant squeeze operation in Burniston.

I cannot think of a single good reason to allow this to go ahead. The local water supply might be affected. It would cause light and noise pollution detrimental to both human and wildlife populations and be highly likely to deter tourism, which of course is a major part of Scarborough's economy. I can imagine, for instance, that those of us who live in York would be less likely to visit.

Large numbers of HGV's would be used which would be disruptive to traffic and, again, the local peace and quiet. I can remember travelling on some of the narrow roads when I lived in the area, in particular the mini-roundabout at Burniston, which is quite unsuitable. These heavy vehicles can only damage people's health.

Part of my astonishment is that oil and gas companies are still applying to extract fossil fuels at a time when it has become clear that the burning of such fuels is causing the climate crisis. Evidence of this has come in the form of extreme weather events across the globe. Indeed, the fossil fuel industry has itself know for decades, because of its own research, that the climate would be harmed by its activities, yet they have persisted with them.

I understand that the re-naming of the process as 'proppant squeeze' makes very little difference. It is still tantamount to fracking.

It is sometimes argued in these cases that jobs would be created but many workers would probably be brought in from outside.

I therefore sincerely hope you will disallow Europa Oil and Gas's application.

regards

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