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Re: Planning Application NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Amy,

I am writing to object to the above planning application.

The proposed development is completely inappropriate for its rural location very close to the North York Moors National Park, Cleveland way long distance path and the Heritage Coast. I have enjoyed the benefits of all of these protected designations over the years as a visitor and later a resident of North Yorkshire.

The residents of Burniston can expect a similar level of disruption to those experienced of Kirby Misperton when drilling was carried out and fracking proposed between 2013 and 2018. I witnessed first hand the uncertainty and trauma brought to that village: 24/7 drilling activity, heavy traffic movements, increased pollution levels, noise and obtrusive all night lighting and many other detrimental factors. Although there were over 4000 objections and only 37 supporters, NYC Planning Committee passed the plans. The resulting public disapproval was voiced by ongoing protest at the site and a military style police operation there to facilitate the unwanted traffic movements.

Although proponent squeeze is not defined a fracking within the Infrastructure Act, enough fluid pressure

would be needed to create cracks such that they can be "propped" open by the injected proppant. The geology of the cliff edge region is already subject to landslides and coastal erosion. The opening up of cracks and faults resulting from the proppant squeeze is very likely to accelerate this process.

The exploration for oil and gas serves no purpose whatsoever unless significant extractable reserves can be identified. These reserves cannot be fully exploited without turning the whole coastal area into a "sacrifice zone" containing the large number of well heads needed for exploration and production. If oil is found then the accompanying gas is likely to be flared off, polluting the atmosphere and causing noise and light pollution. Regular tanker movements will be needed to take the oil off for processing. If gas is found then it will be necessary to build noisy compressor stations, processing plant and pipelines to take it off for further processing and storage. Because of the way the market operates this will be sold to the highest bidder, which may be overseas, and is not guaranteed to help the UK supply.

The industry claims to create local jobs but most jobs will be for transitory skilled oil and gas workers from outside. The farming and tourism industries will be devastated with a large loss of employment.

I hope that the decision makers will take full account of public opinion and reject this application. After all they should remember that they work for the people and not the corporations.

Yours,

Stuart C. Leach