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Re Planning ref NY/2025/0030/ENV – objection to planning application

Dear Amy,

I am writing to object to the above planning application from Europa Oil and Gas. The reasons for my objection are:

- My understanding is that the drilling site is close to an area with underground faults resulting in an increased likelihood of earth tremors and/or earthquakes. Any additional movement to the land in this area must increase the likelihood of further erosion, which I understand is already a problem. Earthquakes are known to have followed fracking in other areas and I object to the possibility of this happening here.
- Some of the consequences of burning gases are light pollution and poisonous fumes along with the likelihood of unpleasant smells. These are all negative outcomes and another reason for my objection.
- The application states that there will be over a thousand vehicles accessing the site over the testing period. This is almost certainly going to cause traffic problems on the coastal road. The local roads that will need to be used are not suitable for HGVs hence I anticipate that there will be safety problems for other vehicles and pedestrians – yet another outcome that I object to.
- You will see from my address that I am not local but I do visit the area and, should the testing go ahead, I will reduce or may be even stop my visits. I don't think that I will be the only person to take this view. There are a large number of businesses in the area dependent

on tourists that would be affected by this. I believe that these businesses need support in these times and this is another reason for my objection.

- I have more general concerns regarding the impact of this application, were it to be successful, on climate change and wildlife. These are both areas that I don't feel are being thought about seriously enough. I feel that any additional energy demands should be met by renewable forms of energy. I drive an electric car, have solar panels at home and am hoping to instal a heat pump shortly. I appreciate that it is not possible to make a sudden transition away from fossil fuels but I think any exploration/research that is being carried out should be with renewables in mind. I don't have sufficient information about the local wildlife to make a specific objection but I have no doubt that such an installation would have a significant effect which would be better avoided.

For all of the above reasons I object to the planning application and trust that you will take my concerns into account.

Regards

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