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Re: Planning application NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Ms Taylor

It has come to my attention that Europa Oil and Gas Limited have applied for planning for "Construction of a temporary well site for the appraisal of gas, including drilling operation, proppant squeeze and flow testing operation and site restoration"

I wish to formally register my objection.

I am a keen walker and the Cleveland Way passes close to the proposed site. I and I'm sure many others will be keen to avoid this area and Scarborough if this application is allowed to proceed.. Tourism is a major employer and in these days of high cost of living, I would choose to stay in other towns and visit other areas on my ramblings,with no unsightly industrial developments with gas flares on the horizon.

I note that the application is for 'the appraisal of gas" and ends with "site restoration", however, I'm certain that nobody, including the planning department is under any illusion that this is an application purely to explore gas availability then restore the site and go away. It is to permanently destroy and disfigure the area with a noisy, intrusive and polluting gas extraction facility using a fancy alternative name for Fracking.

It is well known nationally that there was a major rotational landslide in 1993 at Holbeck Hall, when one million tons of glacial till cut back the cliff by 70m. The cliff consisted of glacial till resting on a low cliff of the Middle Jurassic Scalby Formation, this is softer rock than the Castle headland but is similar to the rock to the north of Scarborough at the proposed site. The impact of Fracking in this area could have similar consequences.

Also, of particular concern is the management of the polluted water which results from this process. An accidental leak into the water table, the local water aquifers, surface run off into streams and eventually the sea cannot be undone.

Obviously a development like this will require a large number of HGV's.The local roads are totally unsuitable for this level and type of traffic, particularly on the edge of a residential area, an accident waiting to happen!

North Yorkshire Council as well as Scarborough have always been proud and keen to espouse their green credentials and advertise their protection of their lovely environment for future generations. I hope that the planning department and committee continue to uphold these values and principles.

As this is a proposed industrial development in a largely residential and rural area, next to the National Park and Heritage Coast I expect North Yorkshire Council to protect these areas, as surely this counts as "inappropriate development" in accordance with the UK National Planning Policy Framework.

I look forward to my next visit in what is hopefully still a beautiful area, as I would expect my objections are taken into account in the planning process.

Yours sincerely

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