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Re: Planning Ref No: NY/2025/0030/ENV
Europa Oil and Gas Application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

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Subject: Objection to the Europa Oil and Gas Planning Application

Dear Ms. Taylor,

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I am writing to object to the Europa Oil and Gas planning application on the grounds of its detrimental impact on our environment, local communities, and economy. This proposal raises serious concerns, and I urge you to consider the following points when reviewing the application.

The most pressing issue is the damage this development will cause to our local communities. The increased levels of traffic, noise, and air pollution from industrial activity will significantly disrupt the quality of life for residents. Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic will worsen road safety, particularly for pedestrians, including the elderly and children, who are at greater risk of accidents. Additionally, the increased fumes and road damage caused by industrial transport will have long-term negative effects on our infrastructure and public health.

Beyond the local impact, there are broader environmental concerns that cannot be ignored. Climate change and global warming remain urgent issues, and expanding onshore oil and gas operations contradicts the national and

international efforts to transition to cleaner energy. Furthermore, hydraulic fracturing (fracking) has been linked to earthquakes, which has led to bans elsewhere—highlighting the risks associated with such industrial activity.

The proposed site is on the Heritage Coast, a location wholly unsuitable for industrial development. This area should be preserved for its natural beauty and ecological importance, not compromised for short-term economic gain. Wildlife and local ecosystems will also suffer, with potential disruptions to natural habitats that could have long-lasting consequences.

Additionally, the tourism sector—an essential contributor to our local economy—will be negatively affected by industrial activity in the area. Visitors are drawn to our region for its unspoiled landscapes and peaceful environment; the introduction of an oil and gas operation will deter tourists and harm businesses that depend on their trade.

There is no national need for further onshore oil and gas production, particularly when renewable alternatives are being promoted as the future of energy. Approving this application would go against the national interest and long-term sustainability goals.

I strongly urge you to reject this planning application in light of these significant concerns. The negative effects on our local community, economy, and environment far outweigh any potential benefits. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter and hope that the voices of residents will be heard.

Although I do not live in the closely affected area, my son and his young family live in Cloughton and work in Burniston, and hold similar views on how this appalling scenario could play out. I feel very strongly that this is our land, our country and future - without the plundering which Europa Oil & Gas plans to inflict. Please hear us.

Yours sincerely,



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