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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Mrs Susan Staveley.

Comments:

I object to this planning application for the following reasons - Location Industrialisation of a rural, agricultural area, gas flaring will cause chemical and light pollution.

Visual intrusion and noise adjacent to dwelling, the heritage coast and the Cinder Track Impact of pollution on the fields near the proposed site where horses graze.

Concern re subsidence and properties being affected from Burniston all way to Ravenscar Concern re proximity to the coast and existing fault lines, possible earthquakes/tremors.

Erosion of cliffs already a danger in our area Proximity to the National Park, the Coast and existing fault lines in the sub strata.

The "field" will be an eyesore in a place of exceptional natural beauty. Vast numbers of tourist from all parts of the world come to enjoy the area and our famous coastal path

Proposed site is very close to a residential area and the Heritage Coast.

Entrance is narrow and shared with industrial units Scarborough & Burniston Coastguard Station is on the same site so concern if there is an emergency and their access to their vehicles and equipment is blocked due to heavy vehicles on site.

This is a wholly inappropriate site and locality. This is a rural area with no suitable infrastructure (roads or processing facility). The chosen site is close to a residential area - it's operation will cause untold despair to may people due to its noise, fear of toxic effects and traffic

Traffic & Road

Additional HGV traffic causing risk to vulnerable road users, concerns over increased traffic at Jolly Sailors roundabout.

Massive increase in traffic, trucks on main road into Scarborough, damage to roads, which are already susceptible to degradation and wear would be unacceptable, routes are not suitable for heavy goods vehicles/. Repairs funded by Tax Payers.

Significant increase in traffic on already busy roads - especially in the summer with so many visitors. The main road through Burniston and Cloughton is dangerous already.

Existing poor condition of road surface of routes A171, A165 from Burniston will be made worse by heavy traffic. Heavy Plant traffic along major roads into and out of villages carrying waste (toxic refuse chemicals) - To where it would be disposed of. Lorries carrying toxic waste should not be travelling through residential areas The highway infrastructure is not suitable for the extra volume of traffic and the large HGVs.

Access to the site is poor and will create chaos on the mini roundabout Given the size of the trucks and equipment it can only lead to heavy congestion and delays. This could cause chaos on already busy roads. Ongoing traffic issue should this then go ahead to full scale will only see these issues expand exponentially.

The roads which pass through the middle of the villages are already a source of concern due to noise, speed, volume and pollution from vehicles. The increase in HGV traffic arising from this site will make the problem much, much worse.

The site is not easily accessible.

Pollution

The water they are contaminating has to be disposed of professionally, but they will be transported via local roads. The risk of accidents and leakages on the local roads and environment is significant and these roads have our children walking to and from schools.

Environment

Potential risk of seismic activity along with unclear knowledge of faults in the underlying strata and environmental harm from disposal of fracking fluid Concern about all water that will be used - millions of gallons that can't then be recycled Effects on wildlife and ecology, We are part of Heritage Coast and the wildlife needs protecting The potential impact on the existing water table The repercussions of the drilling could include interference of water supplies, well and underground pipes, subsidence of buildings. There is no way anyone can be sure of the full impact.

The area is heavily farming land. These farms rely on local bore holds. There is a risk it will lead to contamination of the water. Europa say this can be controlled by mitigation techniques, but mitigation does not guarantee it will not happen and the downstream impact on the local environment and farming would be significant.

Stability of surrounding area - regular cliff slippage on coast could be made much worse by drilling (earth tremors experienced in Lancashire when fracking took place there). Seams will be along and under residential areas with risk of seismic activity, there are fault lines in the area.

Drilling will bring increased noise and pollution to the area Light pollution, chemical ingress into rock. Peak Fault is already known about - there may be other (unknown) geological faults in area.

Pollution of water courses; bore-hole wells Environmental impact of fossil fuel burning as by-product of gas burn, during fracturing process. Has this been evaluated?

Gas flares/emissions.

This area is rural, of heritage and nature importance - not industrial Damage to the area visually causing various types of pollution eg in the fracking process, damage to water sources, fumes/toxic waste from HGVs and flaring Endanger local water supplies through the release of toxic waste creating health risks for humans and wildlife.

The drilling will cause vibration that could have a detrimental effect on the coastal cliffs Danger of potential geological issues, land and property subsidence The proposed site is right next to the coast which is already showing signs of damage The impact on our beautiful coast and countryside cannot be underestimated. The sight of a drilling rig and its associated blot on the landscape will significantly affect the amenity.

The impact of damage to the coastal cliffs is unimaginable. Already fragile, the shaking of adjacent land must surely cause damage.

The downstream emissions of greenhouse gasses in the light of clear and harmful global warming Wildlife and nature are important features of the landscape - we must protect their welfare and not accept a negative impact on bio diversity

Unknowns

There are too many unknowns in terms of negative effects under and overground for both the "exploratory" phase and a potential "long term extraction" phase Once planning is agreed, concern that further planning will happen - set precedent They say there is no risk of earthquakes but there is no real science to say it. What level of fracking will result in seismic activity

Green Energy

The UK does not need additional gas supply as demand is falling and renewable sources are growing The proposal contravenes the moratorium on fracking - a proponent squeeze is fracking Gas extraction is not sustainable - our (world) policy is to stop using fossil fuels and turn to green energy alternatives.

Emphasis should be on developing renewable sustainable energy sources to try to avoid increasing climate change and global warming, eg electric cars and moving away from gas boilers Proposal will contribute to the harmful effects of climate change Government has BANNED North Sea gas fields so why contaminate our rural area.

Does not fit in with Net Zero objectives.

Local Economy

Few, if any, local jobs would be available. Damage to local businesses - tourism, local honey production, Heritage Coast and Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Possibility of energy being sold out of UK. The gas would not be sold/used locally therefore will not reduce local energy costs.

No local advantage or benefit to local community, the proposal would not create meaningful local jobs. No economical benefit to the local area, no reduction in energy costs but there is only a lot of negatives to our home and our lives.

There are many holiday lets in the area, a gas field is not attractive to tourists.

We are on the Heritage Coast and The Cleveland Way.. Where they intend to do the exploration it is very close to the paths used by all the tourists. The site will be visible from the track. The derrick and flares will be visible on the North Cliff in Scarborough. This will heavily impact tourist trade in a big way. Who wants to visit a gas field? This is an area which depends on tourists enjoying the beauty of the area. Any potential damage to our main form of employment must be challenged.

Nearby (tourist) accommodation sites and residential sites would be adversely affected by significant increase in heavy traffic throughout the day and night Impact on house sales - no one will want to live here The Heritage Coast is a holiday destination, local business will suffer if the area becomes industrialised

Europa must not be allowed the experimental drilling. It is the precursor to industrialising and damaging our villages, apparently this is temporary at this point but we must always account for their long term plans. Up to 20 years of traffic pollution, risk of seismic activity.

The Government policy is to move away from hydrocarbons so we should not do this. It will do nothing to help with energy independence or the price of energy we pay. It will only lead to increased profits for the investors in Europa. But will only help to speed up climate change.

Bringing industry/ pollution/noise to a rural area