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To: Planning Control
Subject: Re Application reference: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Construction of a temporary well site for the appraisal of gas, including drilling operation, proppant squeeze flow testing operation and site restoration.

Categories: Jo

Dear Amy,

I am writing to strongly object to the above proposal. I originally wrote mid-March, but have been advised to write again because some of the applicants' objections had gone awry. I had also heard that the closing date for objection letters has been extended until the end of April.

My three main objections are:- Industrialisation of our Heritage Coast, Climate Change and the impact on Tourism.

1) Industrialisation of our Heritage Coast.

This project will effectively be an industrial development on our coast. The drill site is very close to cliffs, homes, shops and schools, with the possibility of 20 years gas production, with a further 4 rigs. This productivity will entail a massive increase on heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) entering and leaving the site many times day and night bringing water for fracking in, and then removing dirty contaminated water out. The country roads serving the area near the site are completely unsuitable for this amount of HGV traffic. The noise would be intolerable for people living in houses near the site not to mention the smell of toxic fumes coming from the traffic fumes and gas flaring of the gas from the drill. Who would want to walk their children to school in such an environment? How would the elderly manage to get to the shops in such an environment. It would be a nightmare.

2) Climate Change.

We are at an unprecedented time, living through climate change with severe events happening all over the world let alone in the UK. We should be putting our energies into sustainable energy supply, using the plentiful resources we already have with wind, wave and solar. We cannot afford to use the oil and gas already identified in the ground at existing sites, because of its detrimental impact when burned for energy. Allowing CO2 and methane, known to warm the planet, even more. There is a moratorium against fracking in the UK, for good reason. Proppant squeeze is an attempt by Europa Oil & Gas, to make it sound like this is a much milder way to extract gas, not harmful in any way. I disagree with that notion. During 2014/2015, I campaigned against fracking sites in Lancashire and Yorkshire because I was concerned fracking would have a detrimental impact on the environment and people.

3) Tourism.

Tourism is very important to Scarborough and surrounding areas. If Europa's Planning Application is approved and they go ahead with their proposal, it will effectively ruin the Heritage Coast and people will no longer want to visit Scarborough. The increased HGV's, the noise, the pollution, constant floodlights day and night and it's damage to wildlife, in this Site of Specific Scientific Interest, the peace quiet and beauty, which tourists come for, will be lost. We have lived in Scarborough 10 years in September '25, and although we live 5 miles from the site, the dark skies we enjoy here would be impacted, not as severely as local residents, but we would, I believe, see a glow on the horizon when looking eastwards. We run a 4 bed holiday cottage attached to our home. Guests come to walk, cycle and relax in this area of outstanding natural beauty of the North York Moors as well as the Heritage Coast. We believe that climate change is happening now and we must do everything we can to protect nature and biodiversity. Our property, which was previously a working farm, with sheep and cattle, comprises 33 acres. The now ungrazed land is home to abundant field voles, the main prey for Barn Owls, who return each year, to raise on average, 4 new barn owls. Other birds we see include buzzards, honey buzzards and goshawk. There are also badgers, foxes, roe deer and otters. Since moving here, we have planted 8,000 broad leaf trees and 500 cider apple trees, the former, for which we have been generously part funded by the Farming In Protected Landscapes (FIPL) scheme of the North York Moors National Park.

Thank you for reading my letter, I hope you will consider my objections to this planning proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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