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Subject: New comments for application NY/2025/0030/ENV
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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Mr Tom Fox.

Comments:

RE: Planning Application by Europa Oil & Gas - Proppant Squeeze Operation near Burniston:
Planning application - NY/2025/0030/ENV

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the planning application submitted by Europa Oil & Gas for a proposed proppant squeeze operation near Burniston, North Yorkshire.

Though I reside in Scarborough, this application has significant implications not only for Burniston and its immediate surroundings but for our wider coastal community, of which Scarborough is the heart. The risks and impacts associated with this development cross administrative boundaries and directly affect the wellbeing of residents, the character of our environment, and the safety of our infrastructure.

Geological Risk and Seismic Concerns:

This part of the East Coast is geologically fragile. We have seen recent landslips and cliff-falls in the area, including near Scarborough. The site is worryingly close to major geological faults, such as the Peak Fault. Europa's application does not convincingly address the risk of induced seismicity or present any credible mitigation strategy.

Traffic and Community Safety:

The proposal involves a substantial increase in HGV traffic, entering and exiting the site via roads that are not designed to cope with such volume or vehicle weight. Mill Lane and surrounding routes are narrow, frequently used by pedestrians, including children walking to school. The increased risk of accidents, as well as noise and air pollution, is unacceptable for a residential and semi-rural setting.

Moreover, this development adds to existing traffic pressures already faced by Scarborough and surrounding villages. Our road network is often congested, particularly during peak tourist seasons, school run periods, and at key junctions such as Scalby Road and Burniston Road. Additional industrial traffic would compound existing problems with delays, air quality, and road safety. These cumulative impacts must be taken seriously in evaluating this proposal.

Environmental and Ecological Damage:

The application includes a deeply flawed ecological appraisal, relying on a single site visit in June 2024. It omits reference to many important species known to be present, such as birds recorded by local ornithologists in March 2025 and mammals including deer, badgers, hares, and foxes. There is also a worrying lack of clarity around the potential for contamination of land and water sources, including risks to the local aquifer, which provides vital water to our region.

A Regional Issue, Not a Local One:

This application must not be seen in isolation. The natural environment, infrastructure, and economy of the Scarborough area are all closely connected to its neighbouring villages and coastline. What happens in Burniston does affect Scarborough, and by extension, the wider East Coast. Our shared future relies on protecting the integrity of this place.

I therefore urge North Yorkshire Council to refuse this application on the following grounds:

- Inadequate assessment and mitigation of geological and seismic risks
- Unacceptable traffic increases, with clear community safety risks
- Visual and environmental harm to a sensitive and cherished landscape
- Insufficient ecological appraisal and weak environmental safeguards

Please ensure this objection is recorded and taken into consideration during the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Fox

