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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Mr Dennis MAY.

Comments:

RE: Planning Application NY/2025/0030/ENV

From: Dennis May, 8 Mercury Close, NG6 0EL

Further objection:

It is of note that the recent application for the Environmental Permit related to this application cites hydraulic fracturing operations of up to 4 stages, each of 300-500m<sup>3</sup> of fluid volume and up to 12.5 tonnes of proppant per stage.

This is a considerably larger operation than proposed in Europa's planning statement, i.e. a single operation of 300-500m<sup>3</sup>.

A 44-tonne tanker carries approximately 25m<sup>3</sup> of water, so a 300-500m<sup>3</sup> injection operation would require up to 20 HGV movements. In terms of material planning issues, the volumes stated in the Environmental Permit application would involve a significant increase in HGVs for this stage of the operation, which was stated as 65 movements in total.

It is clearly evident that Europa's Environmental Permit application does not correlate with its planning statement. This could lead to a surreptitious circumventing of the grounds upon which permission had been granted following consideration by the committee.

It would not be unusual for such an expansion of activity to be the subject of a subsequent application made for consideration as a delegated decision. This tactic is colloquially known as 'permission creep.'

NYC should pursue this issue with the applicant in order to verify what its exact intentions are.

This clearly brings into question the competence and integrity of the applicant. I would refer here to Section 194 of the Town & Country Planning Act:

(1) If any person, for the purpose of procuring a particular decision on an application (whether by himself or another) for the issue of a certificate under section 191 or 192-

(a) knowingly or recklessly makes a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular;

(b)

(c),

he shall be guilty of an offence.

(Similar measures are also stipulated in the Environmental Permitting Regulations, reg. 38 (4)b.)