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To: [Planning Control](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re decision on Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site
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Dear North Yorkshire Council Strategic PLanning Committee

As a resident [REDACTED] (please redact address from the public space) I respectfully and urgently request that you defer the decision on Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site, for the following reasons:-

1 a. Councillor Crane of NYC has reached out to the government for guidance on upcoming policy and legal changes that may impact this decision. It is essential to wait for their response before proceeding.

b. The government has made a commitment to permanently ban ALL fracking, which is expected to be confirmed in the forthcoming Energy Independence Bill in this Spring 2026.

c. The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is currently under consultation until March 10, 2026, which contains significant implications for the proposed fracking operations—specifically, the proposed change to “remove the weight given to mineral extraction benefits”. These changes directly impact the viability of EOG's application, which heavily relies on the current policy

2. I also request that the planning meeting regarding this application be held in Scarborough. Holding it locally will ensure that all interested parties and affected residents can attend the meeting and ensure that NYC understands the strength of local feeling re this proposal..

3. I urge the councillors involved in the voting process to visit the Burniston site personally before making this decision which, if the go-ahead is given, will inevitably have a huge detrimental impact on the local population of this beautiful corner of our Heritage Coast, both residents, visitors, road users, walkers, cyclists and impact the habitats of local fauna, migratory bird life, plus the stability of the coast-line itself, which has already suffered several rock falls this winter. Understanding the local environment will provide vital context when considering this application.

Yours sincerely
Diane J, Robinson.

