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Subject: Europa Oil & Gas(EOG) application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site Ref No NY/2025/0030/ENV
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Dears Sirs

We write with grave concerns regarding the above application by Europa Oil & Gas .

Surely, one overwhelming consideration is that a robust and thorough seismic survey must be undertaken **before** any approval of such drilling works are even considered. Seismic damage to local residents houses occurred at the Preston New Road site in Lancashire when drilling activities were ceased as a result. The EOG proposed lateral well of 'proppant squeeze' (sand), which IS low volume hydraulic fracturing, is still enough pressure to fracture rock.

Alarmingly, Europa Oil & Gas , in their application, state that their intended volumes of fracking fluid are **higher** than those which were used at Preston New Road.

Are we to be used as 'guinea pigs' here in Burniston, based on a false assumption that is no evidence that low volumes of hydraulic fracturing cause earthquake tremors and seismic damage to property? Clearly, previous drilling operations have shown otherwise, as in Lancashire.

Our Heritage Coast has extensive geological faults beneath the proposed area, in particular, the well known Peak Fault with its many tributaries.....yet another factor which needs to be investigated in advance of a decision. Were seismic damage to residents home to occur, would the Council be held responsible for repair and compensation of residents homes? Are we expected to live with the mental anguish and possibility of this happening as a result of hydraulic fracking activity?

We also strongly urge that the decision to approve or reject this application be deferred until such time as a fully informed decision can be made based on pending government legislative and policy changes.....both due in March 2026. These changes could very significantly affect the outcome of any decision., not least of which is a proposed ban of all forms of fracking under the forthcoming Energy & Independence Bill, and a proposed change to remove the 'great weight' given to the benefits of gas extraction.

Additionally, it is surely imperative that officers involved in this decision, which is of both local and national importance, **please visit the proposed site**, situated on Scarborough's Heritage Coast. Our coastline is fragile, beautiful and dramatic. Our town relies, economically, on our huge tourist trade. Will holidaymakers continue to enjoy Scarborough's natural beauty, and famed dark skies if this ugly and polluting industrial fracking goes ahead? Would it protect or enhance the area, or contribute to efforts to reduce green house gas emissions?

Finally, please could we request that, when a date is decided for a meeting for the EOG

application to be considered, that it is held **in Scarborough**

As our elected Councillors, we sincerely hope that the overwhelming democratic public voice of opposition of residents, (plus many further afield) will be fully taken into account, and represented by you.

Many thanks for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Yours faithfully

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