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Subject: Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site - PLEASE DEFER THE DECISION UNTIL WE KNOW MORE
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Dear Sir or Madam,

There are so many new things coming up regarding policy and law that I think it is not possible for the North Yorkshire Council strategic committee to come to a decision on the planning application until some things have been decided at government level. This is a critical decision that affects not only local our communities but also the broader interests of our nation.

Reasons to delay the Decision are compelling and include

- 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 only 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.

I would be grateful to you to seriously consider deferral as it is unfair to impose this fracking project on the people who live, work and visit this beautiful area when it would be wiser to wait to see where the land lies.

Best Regards
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