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Subject: Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site
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Planning Ref. No: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa Oil and Gas application for appraisal drilling at Burniston Mill Site

Dear Planning officers,

I write regarding Europa Oil and Gas Ltd's application to drill for gas in Burniston, and request that the planning committee consider the points below.

First, please consider deferring the decision. As you will know, 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.

The government has committed to permanently ban all fracking, which is expected to be confirmed in the forthcoming Energy Independence Bill in **Spring 2026**, which should have a bearing on this decision.

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 also like to request that the proposed 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.

I would also please urge those councilors involved in the voting process to visit the Burniston site personally before making the decision. Understanding the local environment will provide vital context when considering this application.

I live in West Sussex, which I appreciate is outside of the area. However, we faced a similar situation in my local village which caused a huge amount of division and distress within the community. I hope that this can be avoided for your own community, and that this plan for exploration will end, for the sake of this and future generations at risk of local risks and increased CO2 levels more generally.

Thank you for your consideration. Please redact my name and address from the public space.

Yours sincerely,

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