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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Professor Chris Garforth.

Comments:

This is an additional (third) representation from me.

Many of the 1600+ representations so far submitted have expressed concerns about the potential impact of drilling and hydraulic fracturing operations so close to the edge of the North Yorkshire Heritage Coast. In the past three months (January - March 2026) there have been numerous new cliff falls along the coast from Flamborough Head, through Scarborough and up to Ravenscar - including several within a few hundred metres of the proposed well site. Some of these have led to the collapse of parts of the newly designated King Charles III coastal path.

In view of this stark evidence of the increasing fragility of the Heritage Coast, it would be irresponsible for the Council to consider approving this application without (a) a detailed assessment of the risk of induced seismicity (as required by North Yorkshire's Mineral and Waster Joint Plan) and (b) evidence that appropriate measures will be in place for the mitigation of that risk - two features that were absent in the committee report for the 30th January Strategic Planning Committee meeting (now postponed until 24th April).