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New comments have been received for application NY/2025/0030/ENV from Cllr Richard Parsons.

Comments:

A recent report (on the planning portal) written by Professor Stuart Haszeldine, Professor of Geology at the University of Edinburgh highlights exactly the issue around hydraulic fracturing. The potential damage and scope of damage is unknown until the hydraulic fracturing happens. According to professor Haszeldine this includes hydraulic fracturing not currently banned by the moratorium.

There has been further cliff falls within a few hundred meters of the proposed drill site which are affecting King Charles 3rd Coastal Path (the Cleveland way). NYC are aware of this issue.

Prof. Haszeldine's report must feature in any advice given to the Strategic planning committee along with a reason as to why NYC feel it is fine to not require seismological testing prior to the planning hearing.

The seismological testing would give the planning committee some information as to the the damage that hydraulic fracturing would inflict upon the nearby community and heritage coast.

NYC have a legal responsibility to ensure the proposed site is suitable and the land is stable enough for this activity to take place. Leaving the seismological testing to some unknown future date after planning permission is granted is not ensuring the land is stable and suitable.

It is expected these issues will be covered in full in the planning officers latest report.