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Subject: NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa Oil and Gas application for an Appraisal Gas Well at Burniston Mill Site
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For the attention of:

Amy Taylor
Case Officer
North Yorkshire County Hall
DL7 8AD

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Dear Ms Taylor

We wish to submit a strong objection to the above proposed application by Europa Oil and Gas for an Appraisal Gas Well at Burniston Mill Site:

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You will be aware that Professor Stuart Haszeldine, a highly eminent Geologist at the University of Edinburgh, has recently submitted an extensive paper **(260324) on the NY planning portal**, commissioned by Friends of the Earth, regarding this application, which is entitled **'Hydraulic Fracturing and Seismicity Risks in the UK.'**

In his report, Professor Haszeldine states that "There is a moratorium on high volume fracking because of the risk of unpredictable earthquakes, (as evidenced by the high volume fracking that was carried out at Preston New Road in Lancashire in 2018 and 2019 causing a 2.9ML earthquake., and which was reported in 8 different postcodes) **But, he goes on to state that low volume fracking (including proppant squeeze) can produce tremors that are equally large and equally unpredictable."**

He also states that "the risk of seismicity, induced or triggered from proposed operations at Burniston, cannot simply be ruled out".

We implore the Councillors on the strategic planning committee to take this information extremely seriously. Surely a decision on this application cannot and should not be determined before firstly, a full 3D seismic survey has been carried out to assess the presence of geological faults, and structures and rock properties, and secondly, any decision should be delayed until the Government has finalised the legislative detail of a ban on ALL forms of fracking.....a commitment that Ed Miliband recently pledged to do.

As residents of Burniston, with our house being only 400 metres from the proposed drill site, we would like to ask what provision the NY Council has in place, (if it were to approve this application), to provide monetary compensation for any structural damage to our

property, should this result from the proposed drilling operations.

We are also deeply concerned about **the recent, and very numerous landslips, that have occurred in the past couple of months, with cliff falls very close to the proposed site.** One very large, and significant rock fall has happened at Burniston Rocks which is as little as 700m from the proposed site, and which has also resulted in sections of the newly designated King Charles 111 National coastal Cleveland Way footpath simply falling away over the cliff edges. This area is normally a popular cove/beach with numerous tourists, families and children, and is now potentially very dangerous, and is clearly, also now strong, obvious confirmation and evidence of the fragility of the cliffs near the site.

Our elected councillors have a duty of care to protect our beautiful Heritage coastline, and not to devastate it with inappropriate, fossil fuel industrial projects that simply put profit before people, and that would only add to the escalating problem of climate change. We respectfully ask that our councillors put the **safety of the residents** of the village of Burniston and surrounding villages at the forefront of their decision making. We implore them, that being charged with this weighty decision, (which will potentially set a national precedent for similar planning proposals around the country)..... **they firmly reject this proposal.**

We ask that they take into full and robust consideration, the adverse effects this development would have on the thousands of people, mainly local residents who have stated their very strong objections to a wholly inappropriate development.

Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely

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