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**To:** [Planning Control](#)  
**Subject:** NY/2025/0030/ENV - Europa planning application to frack for gas in Burniston.  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in furtherance of previous emails I have sent to you, in which I have expressed my strong opposition to this application. I continue to totally object to this application and urge the Council planning department, meeting on the 24th April 2026 at ScarboroughTown Hall to reject it. I understand that the report which has been prepared and which recommends approval of the Europa application, does not include a seismic survey which I would have considered essential. I am astounded that a full seismic report has not been ordered prior to a Council decision, particularly given the recent landslips and ground movement along the coastline around Scarborough. I am aware that It has been suggested a seismic survey will be prepared after the decision has been made, but that is surely too late - akin to shutting the proverbial stable door after the horse has bolted.

Given the recent landslips over the last two months, I cannot believe that the Council are seriously considering approval of an application to fracture rocks and strata on a notoriously unstable coastline in order to release gas. It is manifestly short sighted and nonsensical from both a local and global perspective. I am really worried about the effects of a fracking operation (let's call it what it is) on our local area and alarmed that the Planning Committee appear to be taking so much on trust, without question, from Europa. It is also approaching the decision without conducting the rigorous enquiries and examination that is clearly essential to arrive at an informed decision. The fact that so few committee members bothered to attend a site inspection is appalling.

Any gas extracted will merely enter the global gas market. "Yorkshire Gas for Yorkshire People" is a blatant falsehood. The approval of this application globally will merely add to the problem of global warming, increased CO2 emissions and the burning of fossil fuels. More locally it will have a disastrous impact on the village of Burniston and the health and wellbeing of all its residents.

I am once more imploring the committee members to reject this application and to respect local democracy and the multitude of local people who have contacted you in order to strongly object to this application.

Yours Faithfully.

Ian Smith.