

Consultation Response to the Environment Agency

Environmental Permit Application EPR/YP3623LC/A001 – Cloughton-2 Wellsite

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to object to the Environment Agency's Draft Decision to grant Environmental Permit

EPR/YP3623LC/A001 for the proposed Cloughton-2 Wellsite.

I recognise the important role of the Environment Agency in protecting the environment and public health. My comments relate only to matters that fall within the Agency's responsibilities under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Having read the Draft Decision Document, I am not persuaded that the statutory tests for granting an Environmental Permit have yet been met.

My principal concerns are:

- The Draft Decision repeatedly states that important information—including the Hydraulic Fracturing Plan, updated groundwater investigations, revised Surface Water Management Plan and revised Waste Gas Management Plan—will only be provided after the permit has been granted. These appear to be fundamental parts of the environmental assessment, not minor operational details.
- The Environment Agency concludes that risks to groundwater, surface water, air quality and human health are acceptable while also acknowledging that significant technical information remains outstanding. I find these two positions difficult to reconcile.
- The proposal includes the permanent retention of substantial quantities of proppant carrier fluid underground within a regulated mining waste facility. I do not believe that sufficient evidence has yet been provided regarding the long-term environmental implications of this proposal.
- Many detailed consultation responses submitted by local councils, community organisations and residents appear to have been addressed through standardised responses rather than by directly engaging with the specific evidence presented. I respectfully ask the Environment Agency to adopt a precautionary approach by requiring all outstanding technical information to be submitted, independently assessed and, where appropriate, made available for further public consultation before any final decision is made.

Personal statement (optional):

I live/work/have a connection with the area because:

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours faithfully,

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Guidance Notes - not to be submitted

FFCC strongly recommends that you should write your own comments to the Environment Agency using this template (the more detailed consultation response) as an *aid memoir*.

To make your response more personal and therefore more persuasive, consider adding a short paragraph explaining your connection to the local area, for example:

- I have lived in Burniston for over 30 years.”
- I run a tourism business close to the proposed site.”
- My family relies on local groundwater.”
- I farm land near the proposed development.”
- I regularly walk and enjoy the Heritage Coast.”
- I am concerned about protecting the environment for future generations.”

Avoid simply copying someone else's response word for word. The Environment Agency is more likely to give weight to representations that reflect each individual's own concerns and reasoning.