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Dear Madam,

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Comments on High Court judgment consultation

Great and Little Barugh parish council welcome the High Court Judgement and feel that the Inspector should give little weight to the Ministerial Statement. The government relied on outdated reports and failed to take into account more current scientific evidence. NYCC should be able to give weight to scientific evidence in order to have a more balanced approach.

The parish council would also like to reiterate at this time how important the 500 metre buffer zone is for the residents of North Yorkshire.

The Committee on Climate Change recommends a new emissions target for the UK which is net zero greenhouse gases by 2050. A large roll out of unconventional gas extraction would require carbon capture and storage which is an unproven and expensive technology which would be years away. Without carbon capture the UK would increase global emissions and our commitment to the Paris Agreement would be in doubt. Parliament accepted when it legislated the existing 2050 target for an 80% reduction in gas from 1990.

Yours faithfully,

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