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**From:** Planning  
**Sent:** 12 September 2016 22:28  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Comments on NYM/2016/0559/FL - Case Officer Mr M Hill - Received from Mrs Jane Hayes at White Lodge, Langdale End, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO13 0BN



Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to object to the application by Third Energy to renew its Ebberston Moor B1 gas well for a further three years. The reason being given, is that this is only for access to maintain the well. Yet when planning permission was obtained in 2013 and drilling for gas commenced, this was under the condition that the well was decommissioned and the site restored three years after the planning permission was granted.

I am concerned that with the proximity of the Kirby Misperton (KM8) well and the possibility of fracking, (pending the November Court Hearing), that the Ebberston Moor B1 well, could serve for re-injection of waste products from fracking; otherwise why does Third Energy want to 'maintain' the well, if it should be, by rights, 'de-commissioning' it?

With the supporting documentation of the application making clear that further development of the site could be applied for in the future, including future gas production with unspecified new methods, drilling and testing another gas well at the same site, or using the gas well as an injection well to dispose of wastewater from other gas wells in the area, is it any wonder people are concerned?

Given the geography of the site area, with small roads and proximity to villages like Sawdon, Hackness, Wrench Green, Troutsdale, Langdale End, the Wykeham Forest Trail, Tabular Hills Walk and the Moor to Sea Cycle route, all areas of outstanding natural beauty, the fact that Ebberston Moor is in the North York Moors National Park, is why, I believe, this application is not in the best interests of people living and working locally, as well as people outwith the area, who come here to relax and recuperate and spend their leisure time.

I am also very worried about my water supply having recently moved into a 34 acre farm in Langdale End, because the well site is in Ground Water Protection Zone 2, which means there are important sources of groundwater in the areas that need to be protected. We obtain our water from the aquifer which extends from Kirby Misperton across to Scarborough any contamination would wreak havoc on people, animals farming and futures. The use of injection wells, are not suitable for this site, as they put groundwater at risk of contamination. North York Moors National Park should act to preclude them, by ordering the immediate restoration of the site.

As if all this wasn't enough reason to reject this application, the UK has a duty under the Climate Change Act, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has identified that the world's existing reserves of fossil fuels are more than enough to cause dangerous climate change, therefore we need to concentrate financial and technological resources into sustainable energy, like wind and solar power. Using new methods of gas production or using waste water injection to produce previously inaccessible gas deposits can only make climate change worse.

Finally, Third Energy say they will only have one vehicle travel to site per day, but Wykeham Parish Council have complained that traffic during the drilling stage, in 2013, traffic was much greater than expected. This caused damage to the road and to a church wall, several incidents with cyclists and horse riders and the death of a dog. Seems a lot for one vehicle a day.

Thank you for reading my letter objecting to the renewal of the Ebberston Moor B1 Well, in the North York Moors National Park.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Hayes

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