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Subject: Comments on NYM/2016/0559/FL - Case Officer Mr M Hill - Received from Ms Linda Hurrell at Ms, 25 Delwood, Fulford, North Yorkshire, YO10 4QD

I am writing to object strongly to any extension for Third Energy's use of the gas extraction well at Ebberston 3. Firstly, in the face of Climate Change we all know that 80% of all known fossil fuel reserves must be kept in the ground, so in no way should we be allowing further exploration for oil, gas or coal. Secondly, in the face of climate change, we should be making every effort to enhance our natural environment and ecosystems. Thirdly a beloved and irreplaceable National Park is the last place where we should be compromising in any way on this. It is a tragedy and a betrayal if through false and outdated arguments of national interest, we allow any degradation of the North York Moors for the sake of fossil fuel extraction. Specifically, as a number of studies have shown over the last 2/3 years we do not need new sources of gas to supply our electricity needs, see for instance the very detailed study commissioned by Greenpeace a year ago <http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2015/09/21/4-ways-the-uk-can-get-almost-all-its-power-from-renewables/> . Certainly should not be using gas to create electricity in such an old and inefficient power station as Third Energy are currently using. In addition Third Energy commands very little trust among the people of North Yorkshire, not least because it is not open, transparent and reliable about it's long term intentions. Third Energy's intentions for this well are obscure - no way should we be saying yes to something whose future we are not honestly and openly being told about. As a grandmother of eight grandchildren growing up in North Yorkshire, I have kept a very close eye on all of these issues. In particular I wrote a detailed 7 page letter of objection to the new operations proposed at Ebberston Moor South, and I know how shoddy Third Energy's research and application was there, and how poorly they have communicated with local people over their KM8 application. I am ashamed of the misleading information put out by our Government and by the fossil fuel industry in general - it simply flies in the face of the overwhelming scientific consensus on climate change and the majority of reporting and research that has been done on unconventional gas extraction. I am looking to the National Park to give a resounding no to this application.whose future unexplained purpose can be of no benefit to North Yorkshire, the UK or the world at this point in history.

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