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You may normally receive objections to applications but I wish to express my approval of this application. I am doing so as in the present climate anything associated with gas exploration and production finds itself under attack from the media and the 'anti' groups who present many negative myths, untruths and possibilities but little in the way of proven facts. This has created a great deal of hysteria in the country as a whole and I feel is unjustified in our locale.

I wish to give my positive support for the gas industry in this area. Gas exploration and extraction has occurred in the Vale of Pickering and surrounding areas for many decades and we have all managed to co exist very happily with no problems. I see no reason for this to change. I live between the well sites at Ebberston Moor and Knapton Generating Station. Never once has there been any issues or incidents. I remember 20 years ago when the planning application was submitted for Knapton Generating Station to be built. There was hysterical propaganda much the same as now back then. Apparently we would all suffer with terrible odours emitted from the plant, be gassed if it went wrong and nothing would grow in the area...or so the 'anti' brigade would have had us believe. I am still here to tell the tale and not once has there been any problems, no smells, no deaths, nothing, ever.

The gas company has always acted with great integrity and honesty, why would they change now? They seem as if they try to engage with the community and to be as unobtrusive as possible whilst going about their business.

When ever they have applied for planning permission they are always proactive in the community answering questions and requesting our views.

I am fearful that outside influences will ruin the special relationship we have with the gas industry within this area. Most people wouldn't know how many gas wells there are or even where they are situated as they are so well screened.

This has to be a local decision made by local people. We should trust the NYMNP, RDC and the Environment Agency to work with Third Energy ltd and Moorland Energy ltd to find the best positive solution and under no circumstances should they feel pressured, intimidated or persecuted by any out side influences. The best solution is to engage with the gas companies and work with them rather than against them.

Economically it will ultimately be good for our area. They have been here for decades and we have all lived and worked together very happily.

Reality check: we need gas, not from Russia but from here, it's right under our feet.

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