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Subject: Request for Further Information – Egdon Resources Planning Application:
NY/2025/0113/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Foxholes & Butterwick Parish Council, in relation to Egdon Resources' planning application, NY/2025/0113/FUL, concerning proposed gas drilling operations at Foxholes in North Yorkshire.

Having reviewed the submitted documents, we consider that further information is required in the interests of transparency in order for the application to be properly assessed, and to facilitate a substantive response. Therefore, as a statutory consultee, we would like to exercise our legal right to request clarification on certain issues and the provision of additional documentation. We would request this information to be made available prior to any determination being made.

Specifically, we request the provision of the following documentation:

1. Chemical Inventory and Safety Data

- A full list of all chemicals and substances proposed for use (drilling fluids, additives, cements, lubricants etc.), including their intended purpose, concentration, and total volumes.
- Copies of the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS) for each substance.

2. Construction Management Plan (or Environmental Management Plan)

- Whilst some information is available in the Planning Statement, some of the promises and statements are general in nature.
- Specific, practical details about how these will be achieved are required in order that there is complete transparency for the public and consultees.

3. Technical Summary

- A clear technical summary is required to provide an evidence based overview of the environmental risks and proposed mitigation, including noise, traffic, landscape, and ecological impacts.

4. Non-Technical Summary

- To present the same findings as above, in plain language, such that local residents and the general public can understand the proposed project and its impacts, without needing specialist knowledge.

What follows are some additional, specific questions, to which we would like a response, so that we may make an informed judgement on the application:

i) Confirmation of whether the proposed wells will be deviated/horizontal, and if so, the depth and trajectory in relation to aquifers and fault structures?

ii) How would gas flow be stimulated in the well testing/flow testing phase?

At the Consultation Event (30th May 2025), several residents were informed, by 3 different Egdon representatives, that acidisation would be used to stimulate gas flow. Is this correct?

If so, which type of acidisation are you proposing?

iii) What contingency planning is in place, in the event of water contamination?

iv) If the 'impermeable membrane' used on site became compromised, how would you know?

v) In terms of the Transport Assessment, the route in and out of the site is clearly specified. What contingency route would you take in the event of an RTA or similar event preventing access via Staxton Hill or other parts of the route?

Until the above information is supplied, we believe that consultees and the public cannot fully evaluate the environmental and community impacts of the proposal.

I therefore request that Egdon Resources provides this additional information and makes it available through the planning portal so that a meaningful consultation can take place.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr David Eddy

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