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Dear Mr Oldridge,

Description of Development: Temporary permission for exploration and appraisal comprising the flow testing and monitoring of the existing hydrocarbon lateral borehole along with site security fencing, the provision of an enclosed testing flare and site restoration

Location of Development: Lower Stumble Hydrocarbon Exploration Site, London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6JH

Planning Permission Ref: WSCC/040/17/BA

Thank you for your recent application regarding the above and the information submitted in respect of the planning conditions for the above development.

The Council has considered your application and I am now able to inform you that:

- (1) The submitted details for condition 7 (Pollution Prevention) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.
- (2) The submitted details for condition 8 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.
- (3) The submitted details for condition 9 (Foul Water Drainage Scheme) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.
- (4) The submitted details for condition 10 (Lighting Strategy) is acceptable and the condition is part discharged. Further submission of information is required covering part c) of condition 10 once the lighting has been installed.
- (5) The submitted details for condition 11 (Traffic Management Plan) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.
- (6) The submitted details for condition 15 (Noise Management Plan) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.
- (7) The submitted details for condition 17 (Bat Monitoring) is acceptable and the condition can be part discharged. Further submission of reports is required once the permission has been implemented.
- (8) The submitted details for condition 18 (Restoration) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.

(9) The submitted details for condition 19 (Additional Security Measures) are acceptable and the condition is now discharged.

I have emailed you separately concerning further details/information for condition 21 (Community Liaison Group) and discussions are still on-going regarding the Terms of Reference for this condition.

Please retain a copy of this letter/email with the Decision Notice and approved details for future reference.

Planning application details can be accessed via the Council's website using the application reference

number: <http://buildings.westsussex.gov.uk/ePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

Copies of approved conditional information for the application can be found in the 'post decision' folder.

Please note that condition 3 (Notification of Works) and condition 20 (Workover Rig) are still required to be discharged prior to the commencement of development. In addition, condition 14 (Noise Monitoring) requires noise levels to be continuously monitored from the date of the commencement of development, with the results submitted to the Minerals Planning Authority on a weekly basis.

In addition, and as mentioned above, conditions 10 (Lighting Strategy) and 17 (Bat Monitoring) also require further details before they can be fully discharged.

Yours sincerely

Chris Bartlett
Principal Planner

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

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If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

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Town/City:	<input type="text" value="London"/>				
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Email address:	<input type="text"/>				
Postcode:	<input type="text" value="W4 5YA"/>				
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No					

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

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3. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

House: Suffix:

House name:

Street address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Description of location or a grid reference
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:

Northing:

Description:

Temporary permission for exploration and appraisal comprising the flow testing and monitoring of the existing hydrocarbon lateral borehole along with site security fencing, the provision of an enclosed flare and site restoration.

4. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application? Yes No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title: First name: Surname:

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (Must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received:

5. Description of the Proposal

Please provide a description of the approved development as shown on the decision letter:

Temporary permission for exploration and appraisal comprising the flow testing and monitoring of the existing hydrocarbon lateral borehole along with site security fencing, the provision of an enclosed flare and site restoration.

Application reference number: Date of decision:

Please state the condition number(s) to which this application relates:

Condition number(s):

Has the development already started? Yes No

6. Discharge of Condition(s)

Please provide a full description and/or list of the materials/details that are being submitted for approval:

Condition 7 Pollution Prevention, Condition 8 Surface Water Drainage, Condition 9 Foul Water Drainage, Condition 10 Lighting Strategy, Condition 11 Traffic Management Plan, Condition 15 Noise Management Plan, Condition 17 Bat Monitoring, Condition 18 Restoration, Condition 19 Additional Security Measures and Condition 21 Liaison Group.

7. Part Discharge of Condition(s)

Are you seeking to discharge only part of a condition?

Yes No

8. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

The agent The applicant Other person

9. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.



Date

22/05/2018



Balcombe 2Z
Hydrocarbon Well Test
Discharge of Planning Consent 11

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 10 January 2018 planning consent was issued for additional well testing at the Balcombe site in West Sussex. A conditional planning permission was issued with a number of pre-development conditions to be satisfied prior to development on site commencing.

In terms of traffic management during the short period of well testing:

- The site management will ensure that all traffic enters and leave as the site during the approved hours of operation and avoid hours during the morning and afternoon school start and finishing periods;
- Vehicle loading and unloading will be contained within the well site with no adverse impact upon the localised road network;
- On site traffic management will ensure that there are no adverse implications with vehicles entering or leaving the site;
- There will be no need for specific traffic control for HGV movements to and from the site;
- Signage will be erected as with earlier exploration activities at the site;
- There will be no need for road closures or traffic diversions during the short period of well testing;
- The proposed HGV movements will have no adverse impact upon pedestrians in the vicinity of the site;
- The proposed HGV movements will have no adverse impact on public transport operating within the vicinity of the site;
- Weather conditions will be closely monitored to ensure that safeguarding controls are employed to allow site traffic to safely enter and leave the site with no adverse impact upon other traffic in the vicinity of the site;
- Emergency measures will be put in place should protestor activity disrupt anticipated HGV traffic travelling to and from the site.

INTRODUCTION

Angus Energy Plc seeks to discharge several planning conditions in relation to the exploration and appraisal of the existing hydrocarbon borehole at the Lower Stumble Hydrocarbon Exploration Site, London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Health, West Sussex, RH17 6JH.

Planning permission was granted by the West Sussex County Council on the 27th October 2017 (Ref: WSCC/040/17/BA).

This supporting statement aims to discharge Planning Condition No. 11 concerning a Traffic Management Plan for the proposed well testing and site restoration.

The scope of this statement are the procedures required to control HGV traffic which is to be generated by the short period of well testing, being approximately 9 days in extent (including. Site preparation, well testing and site equipment demobilisation).

PLANNING CONDITION DETAILS

1.0 This traffic management plan has been prepared on behalf of Angus Energy PLC in association with the grant of planning permission for exploration and appraisal comprising the flow testing and monitoring of the existing hydrocarbon lateral borehole along with site security fencing, the provision of an enclosed testing flare and site restoration.

1.1 Planning Condition 11 of Consent Ref: WSCC/040/17/BA to be discharged

Planning Condition Number	Planning Condition
11	<p><i>Development shall not begin, including any works of mobilisation, until a Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Minerals Planning Authority. The Plan shall provide details as appropriate but not necessarily be restricted to the following matters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• the anticipated number, frequency and types of vehicles used during the development;</i> <i>• the method of access and routing of vehicles;</i> <i>• the parking of vehicles by site operatives and visitors;</i> <i>• the loading and unloading of plant, materials and waste;</i> <i>• the storage of plant and materials used in the development;</i> <i>• the erection and maintenance of security hoarding (if relevant);</i> <i>• the provision of works required to mitigate the impact of the development upon the public highway (including the provision of temporary Traffic Regulation Orders);</i> <i>• details of public engagement both prior to and during the development;</i> <i>• traffic management schemes such as restrictions on timings, associated signage etc.; and</i> <i>• measures to ensure that HGV movements avoid school pick-up and drop-off times.</i> <p><i>The approved Plan shall be implemented and adhered to throughout the development.</i></p>

- 1.9 Heavy goods vehicles are those over 7.5 tonnes and can be identified by the high visibility markers (red and orange stripes) on the rear of the vehicles.
- 1.10 The exploration site has already been constructed and no additional site construction or associated HGV traffic will be required. The following general programme sets out the key areas where HGV traffic will be generated:
- Site security fence installation – 3 incoming and 3 outgoing HGV movements in 1 day;
- Site preparation – 12 incoming and 12 outgoing HGV movements in 1 day;
- Mobilisation of well testing equipment and associated support items – 27 HGV incoming and outgoing HGV movements over 3 days;
- Exploration well testing programme – 5 HGV movements over 9 days;
- Demobilisation of well testing equipment and associated support items – 27 incoming and 27 outgoing movements over 3 days.
- 1.11 During the site development programme all crew members for site operations will be brought into the site by mini-bus at the commencement and end of each shift. No parking will be required for such vehicles.
- 1.12 The foregoing paragraphs advise on the expected traffic flows for HGV's associated with the exploration site development and the timeframe which is anticipated. In the event of protestor activity, which has been a feature of earlier exploration activities at the site, there may be unexpected delays to vehicle movements. Should this occur the Mineral Planning Authority will be notified accordingly.

Hours of Operation

- 1.13 With the exception of undertaking urgent works in emergency situations, the movement of all HGVs to and from the site shall only be undertaken between the hours of 07:30 and 18:30 Mondays to Fridays and over 8:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. No HGV movements shall be undertaken on Sundays, holidays and public holidays. Heavy good movements to and from the site will be timed so that none are undertaken during the morning and afternoon school start and finish periods avoiding school drop off/pick up times.

Vehicle Unloading and Parking

- 1.14 A designated area will be identified for a compound within the site for the storage of incoming materials to be used in the exploration programme. Additionally an area will be set aside for the temporary storage of any waste materials derived from the site operations. The waste skips and storage has been designed at the southern end

of the site and these will be the last items to be removed when the site is decommissioned. HGV access will therefore not be required during the short exploration period at the site.

- 1.15 An additional area will be set aside for the deliveries of materials and the parking of all contractor related vehicles. The general Site Layout is shown at Appendix D.
- 1.16 Clear signage will be erected near the site entrance to ensure that delivery drivers are aware of all traffic management procedures relating to the site. Manoeuvring space will be maintained to ensure that all vehicles enter and leave the site in a forward direction.
- 1.17 The Site Manager will ensure that no employee or operative associated with the exploration programme parks any vehicle on the adjoining roads outside the exploration site.

On Site Traffic Management

- 1.18 On site the following site rules you will be imposed on drivers:
 - the speed limit is 5 mph unless a lower speed is posted, or conditions make it unsafe to drive at 5mph;
 - hand-held mobile phones or site radios must not be used while driving;
 - obey all traffic signage and any designated banksman;
 - drivers must wear all the necessary PPE when outside of their vehicles and enclosed welfare cabins, PPE requirements still apply when operating vehicles with open cabs;
 - no children, animals (other than security team dogs) or unauthorised passengers are permitted on site;
 - drivers must not stop on site roads and only park where instructed do so by the banksman or security personnel;
 - no manoeuvring operations are to be carried out without a banksman in attendance;
 - drivers will be encouraged not to leave engines running unnecessarily; drivers needing to take legal rest breaks must do so within the site boundaries not on the public roadways.

Traffic Control

- 1.19 As the HGV loads are carried on conventional vehicles there will generally be no need to employ traffic escorts, apart from the drilling rig itself which may have escort vehicles with flashing orange lights.

Signage

- 1.20 As with earlier site exploration operations appropriate signage will be erected prior to the development commencing on site. Details of the signs proposed are shown on the figure at Appendix C

Road Closures and Diversions

- 1.21 The incoming HGV traffic can easily be accommodated using existing roads from the M23 motorway and there are no proposals for road closures or diversion routes from other traffic using the nearby public highways.

Pedestrians

- 1.22 The proposed HGV traffic will have no direct impact upon pedestrians along the route from the M23 Motorway. Should pedestrians be crossing the entrance to the site then they will be advised of potential HGV traffic moving to and from the site. Activities at the site have historically been the subject of protests and in the event of protestors being present liaison will be undertaken with the West Sussex Police to ensure the safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of the site.

Public Transport

- 1.23 The activities at the site will have no impact upon public transport facilities within the village of Balcombe or in the vicinity of the site.

Weather Considerations

- 1.24 Should adverse weather conditions arise additional safeguarding controls will be employed for HGV traffic entering or leaving the site in order that other traffic may be aware of the movements and allow sufficient time for accommodating the HGV's onto the nearby public highway. In the event of wet weather the site access will be regularly inspected to ensure that there are no delays to HGV traffic entering or leaving the site.

Emergency Measures

- 1.25 The well testing works proposed involve conventional oil and gas exploratory techniques and it has been confirmed to the West Sussex Planning Authority that no hydraulic fracturing will take place. However, there is a growing body of objection to any oil and gas exploration undertaken within England. To this end protestor activity will be monitored by specialist personnel and at all times liaison will be maintained by the security personnel with the West Sussex Police. This will enable any disruption to the proposed HGV traffic programme to be appropriately managed. In this regard it should be noted that delays to HGV traffic attending the site may lead to a longer timeframe that that advised for the completion of the well testing works and demobilisation of the well testing equipment and all associated site equipment.

Public Engagement

- 1.26 The details of the well testing works will be advised to the local community, Parish and District Councils via a formal liaison committee for which the structure, remit and membership has been formulated and submitted in association with Condition 21 of the planning consent regulating the proposed well testing operations. During the period of work on site should details of the work programme vary this will be submitted in writing to the Mineral Planning Authority for onward transmission to all relevant interested parties.

CONCLUSION

- 1.27 The traffic management measures to be implemented at the Balcombe well site are aimed to proactively and safely accommodating all well site HGV traffic movements from the point of source to the well site (Junction 10a of the M23 via the B2036 to the well site off London Road).
- 1.28 Angus Energy Plc shall only proceed to implement these measures once it has received approval in advance and in writing from the West Sussex County Council planning authority.
- 1.29 It is considered that the above information provides sufficient detail and reassurance that these traffic management measures are appropriate and necessary for the completion of the proposed development.



Appendix A: Well Site Location

Appendix B: HGV Traffic Route



Appendix C: Signage Details



Appendix D: Well Site Layout