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Advising on the management of a nationally valued landscape

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Dear Mr Vine

WSSC/027/10/BA at Lower Stumble oil exploration site.

The High Weald AONB Unit is a small specialist Unit who advise on the care and management of the High Weald AONB. The comments below are an assessment of the extent to which the proposals will impact on the objectives for the AONB defined by the High Weald Management Plan 2004, which has been adopted as Council Policy in respect of AONB management. This statement contains the professional views of the Policy Manager and not the views of the High Weald AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

Contrary to para 2.3 of the supporting statement the site is of course within the High Weald AONB and the application should seek to conserve and enhance natural beauty. Given the temporary nature of the development the potential impacts of the scheme on the AONB are restricted. However the site is bounded by Ancient Woodland and Gill streams, both features of significance to the landscape (see objectives G1 and W1 of the management plan).

The development should therefore seek to minimise the impacts on these features, especially from any pollution, seepage or leakage from the site, particularly that may affect the water courses, or other impacts arising from the sites construction and operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application.

Yours sincerely

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