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Mr M. Vine  
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Dear Mr Vine

**RE: TO UPGRADE EXISTING STONED PLATFORM AND DRILL AN EXPLORATORY BOREHOLE FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION.**

**AT: LOWER STUMBLE WOOD, LONDON ROAD, BALCOMBE**

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above-mentioned application received on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010, due for a response by 18<sup>th</sup> February.

I have contacted the local ward members who have not made any comments on the application. I have also consulted our Environmental Health Department; unfortunately no response has been received to date. If I receive any comments, I will forward them onto you. In the mean time, if you want to contact them directly, they are available on 01444 477292.

Accordingly, the comments of this Council, made under delegated powers, are as follows:

Whilst we have some concerns over the 24-hour nature of the drilling and how this may affect local amenities, on the basis that this will only occur within a small timeframe of the overall temporary operation, on balance this Council wishes to raise no objection. This opinion is subject to the understanding that:

- 1) This is a temporary operation only.
- 2) The site is fully restored to its former condition on cessation of the exploratory drilling.
- 3) That construction work is undertaken during daylight working hours only.
- 4) That any lighting shall be of a low-level nature and installed in such a manner to minimise its visual impact.

Should you require any further information, please contact me on 01444 477333.

Yours sincerely

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