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Dear Ms Moseley

**Re: Lower Stumble Hydrocarbon Exploration Site, London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath.**

Thank you for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014, advising me of an application at the above location for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have examined the detail within this application from a crime prevention viewpoint and note from the details within the application that the site perimeter and access has not changed and remain the same; however I would like to offer some crime prevention advice.

The two main crime prevention measures that will benefit this installation are secure perimeter fencing with gates and lighting. In addition to the above two measures, due to the rural location it may be necessary for a monitored intruder alarm system to be fitted to indicate any intruders. In remote location such as this, the intruder system can also be linked to a CCTV system to provide a remote visual link to the site as well. I recommend that consideration is given to the lighting to ensure that should CCTV be installed the lighting is commensurate with it.

Entrance/driveway gates should be inward opening, of substantial framed construction and employ galvanized adjustable hinges and fixings mounted behind the attack face. Hinge systems must not allow the gate to be 'lifted off' and therefore should employ a method to restrict the removal of the gate from the adjoining fence post or wall. Gates should be fitted with a galvanized drop bolts and facility for padlocking (manual gates) or electro-mechanical locking (automated gates) and employ mechanical/electro-mechanical devices as applicable to hold gate leaves in the open position.

The gate construction should have the same design and construction attributes as the fence. Where automated gates are supplied and installed these must meet with the EU Machinery Directive and be CE marked accordingly.

The tops of fences should finish flush with their posts. It is important to ensure that where stepped ground is present there are no gaps which enable access under the fence. Equally important is to ensure that all elements that make up the perimeter security are of the same design, height and construction so that no one single element will compromise the overall security of the perimeter security.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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Yours sincerely

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