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Dear Ms Moseley,

Re: WSCC/005/14/BA - Lower Stumble Hydrocarbon Exploration Site

In response to your letter dated 23 January 2014 inviting a formal consultation response in relation to the above planning application.

We request that WSCC when determining the application ensure they are satisfied with the effects of the development on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This includes the visual impact of lighting, the fencing and all the equipment and structures associated with the site operations. We also request that the comments of the High Weald AONB Unit should also be taken into account by WSCC when determining the application.

If WSCC grant planning permission subject to conditions, those conditions should ensure the applicant provides a detailed Construction Management Plan that could include, but not exclusively, the following:

- Hours of work
- Numbers of HGVs/routing/deliveries to avoid school drop off and pick up times and weekends

Those conditions should also ensure that the site is restored in accordance with the submission and in a timely manner.

In addition, should the operations require staff to live on the site then appropriate accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, should be provided to prevent any risk to their health and to that of local residents.

Finally, we urge to WSCC to provide reassurance that they will rigorously apply and enforce the conditions of the application, should it be granted, to ensure that residents are not affected by an unreasonable level of noise, particularly at unsocial hours, that air quality is maintained, including the control of odour from the flaring, and that groundwater is protected from the effect of pollution.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Norman Webster
Cabinet Member for Planning

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