



Case Officer's Report for Non Material Amendment

Local Council: Mid Sussex District Council

Site Address: Lower Stumble Exploration Site, London Road, Balcombe RH17 6JH

Approved Development: WSCC/005/14/BA: 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.

Non-Material Amendment Sought:

Replacement of 4.3m high security fence with mesh panel fencing to 2 metres in height.

Particulars of Amendment:

The well pad is currently enclosed with a security fence topped with razor wire to 4.3m in height. This was erected in response to security concerns raised by Sussex Police in summer 2013.

It is proposed that this would be replaced with 2m high mesh panel fencing, in the same location as the existing fencing.

The proposed amendment would not be material to the approved development because it would be visually less intrusive, with a reduced impact over that already permitted.

Notification

Is there anyone other than the applicant owns part/all of the land or has an Agricultural Holding over the land? YES / ~~NO~~

If YES to the above, has the landowner(s)/Lessee been notified and given 14 days notice to respond? YES / ~~NO~~ / ~~NA~~ – notified on 4 February 2015.

Conclusion

The proposed amendment to the fencing around the pad is considered to be a non-material amendment to the approved development as it would result in reduced impacts over those considered in approving the development through the issue of planning permission WSCC/005/14/BA.

Overall, there are no adverse issues associated with the proposed amendments. It is therefore considered acceptable and appropriate and is hereby permitted.


Decision:

Grant approval of Non-Material Amendment

The application is considered to be a non material amendment pursuant to s96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

For the avoidance of doubt, only the fencing type shown in the submitted photo (dated and timed 24.03.2014 10.43, entitled 'proposed new replacement fence (standard 2m high security fencing)'), to be erected in the location of the 'fence line' shown on approved drawing Testing Site Lay-out Plan (drawing CRL-002).

Note: This decision relates only to the non-material amendment as described in this report. This is not a reissue of the original planning permission (WSSC/005/14/BA), which still stands. The Decision contained in this report and the Decision Notice of the original planning permission should be read together.

<p>Date of Report Submission: 19 February 2015</p>	<p>Case Officer Name: Jane Moseley</p>
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