

## Case Officer's Report for Non Material Amendment

**Local Council:** Horsham District Council

Site Address: Wood Barn Farm, (Broadford Bridge-1 Exploratory Well

Site) Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst

**Approved Development:** WSCC/052/12/WC - The siting and development of a

temporary borehole, well site compound and access road including all ancillary infrastructure and equipment, on land at Wood Barn Farm, Broadford Bridge, for the exploration, testing and evaluation of

hydrocarbons in the willow prospect

#### Non-Material Amendment Sought:

Reduction in height of drilling rig from 41 metres to 35 metres;

- Reposition and reconfiguration of the well pad, removing car parking spaces;
- Re-positioning of cabins and associated facilities/ services within the well pad in line with the requirements of the BDF28 drilling rig and crew.

#### **Particulars of Amendment:**

Because oil and gas operators do not know the exact drilling rig which will be available at the time of commencing the development, the rig considered in the submitted Environmental Statement and application documents used a 'worst case' scenario. Therefore, when it comes to assessing the impacts of the drilling rig with regard to, for example noise and visual impact, any contracted rig will have impacts no 'worse' than that assessed during the planning application. Specifically in this case:

- The use of the BDF28 drilling rig will reduce the height of the drilling rig from 41 metres to 35 metres. It will therefore result in reduced visual impacts over that considered in granting planning permission.
- The BDF28 drilling rig is a quieter rig than the rig used for modelling noise in the Environmental Statement and application documents. Furthermore, condition 8 on the permission, a Noise Management Plan, is in place. This plan will establish monitoring methods and a scheme to deal with situations should noise limits be exceeded.
- All site crew, personnel and any visitors will be bussed into the site, meaning
  car parking spaces have been removed from the Site Layout. Fewer vehicles
  accessing the site will reduce the impact upon the highway network and will
  also reduce traffic noise.
- The layout requirement for the BDF28 drilling rig differs from the original layout approved. However, the equipment used, cabins and associated infrastructure is of a similar height and appearance to that which was



assessed originally so there is not considered to be a material change to what was considered in approving the application.

- The lighting for the rig is comparable to that which was assessed in the Environmental Statement and application documents. The lighting required is for health and safety purposes and would be within the site and focused downwards onto the equipment being used. The impact is therefore not considered to be any greater than that considered in granting planning permission.
- The use of a different rig and reduction in parking spaces has prompted the slight repositioning of the well-pad area. The area is still within the red-line (application site) boundary. The repositioning of the well-pad has the additional benefit of offering greater protection to existing tree roots. The change is not, therefore, considered to result in any material impact to the approved development.

#### Notification

Is there anyone other than the applicant owns part/all of the land or has an Agricultural Holding over the land? YES  $\frac{1}{1}$  NO

If YES to the above, has the landowner(s)/Lessee been notified and given 14 days notice to respond? YES /  $\frac{NO}{NA}$ .

#### Conclusion

As a consequence of using an alternative drilling rig system to that used in the Environmental Statement and application documents, the layout approved has altered and the approved drawings require amending. However, in planning terms the amendments are non-material, not requiring the submission of a full planning application.

Development should proceed in accordance with the permission WSCC/052/12/WC except in relation to condition 3 which shall now also require compliance with alternative plans, namely drawings P01 Revision A, P02 Revision A, P03 and P04 Revision A, where the details shown on those plans differ from those previously approved. All the other conditions and informatives imposed on permission WSCC/052/12/WC shall continue to apply.

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

#### Decision:

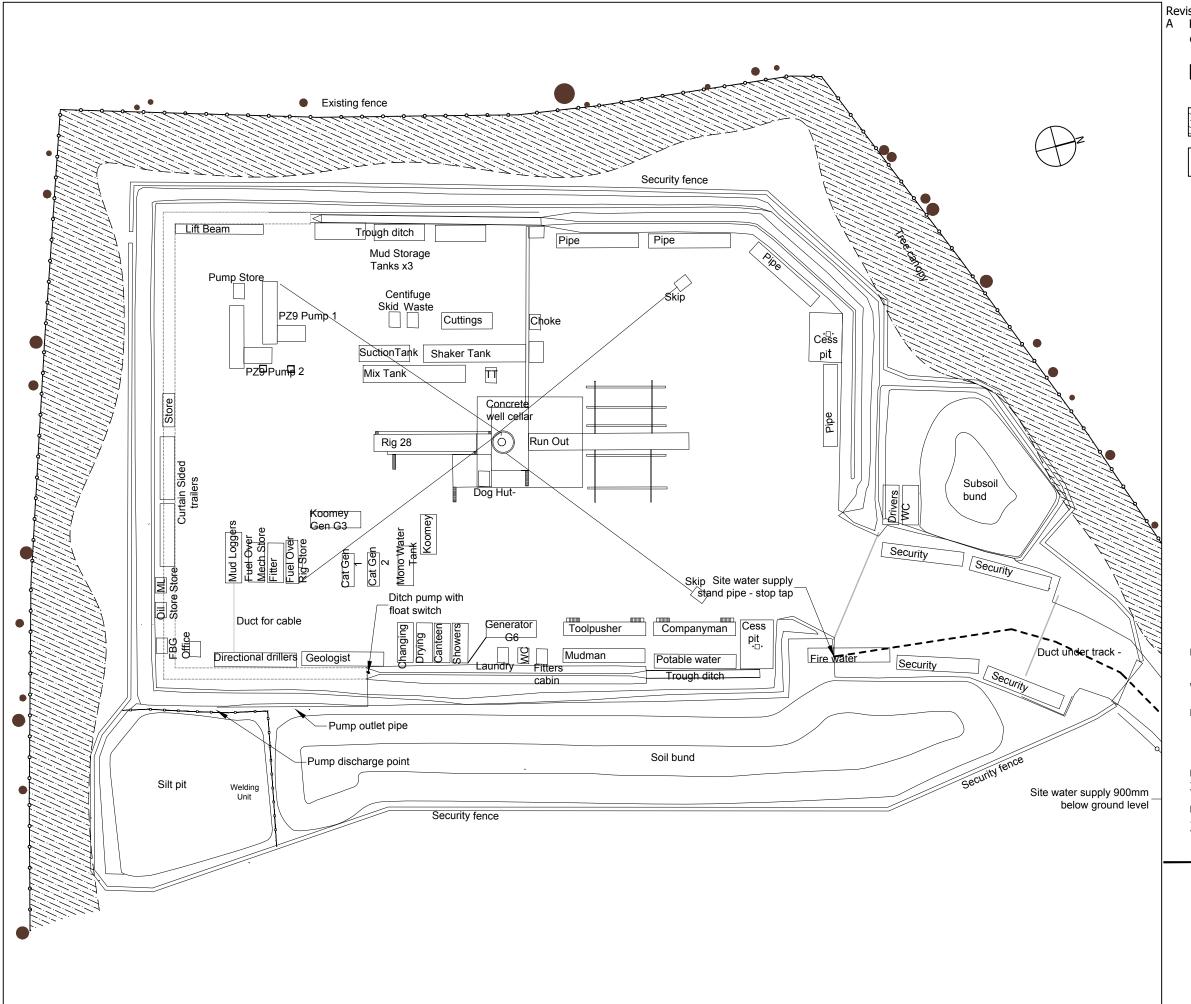
## **Grant approval of Non-Material Amendment**

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



**Note:** This decision relates only to the non-material amendment as described in this report. This is <u>not</u> a reissue of the original planning permission (WSCC/052/12/WC), which still stands. The Decision contained in this report and the Decision Notice of the original planning permission should be read together.

Date of Report Submission:	Case Officer Name:
23 May 2017	Chris Bartlett
	Case Officer's Signature:



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## **LEGEND**



Tree Canopy



Tree Position

#### NOTES:

Proposed site layout based on the following detailed drawing:

- UKOG: 'BB-DR-Q01 Drilling rig layout'

## Broadford Bridge West Sussex

Drawing Title

## Proposed Site Plan Drilling Mode

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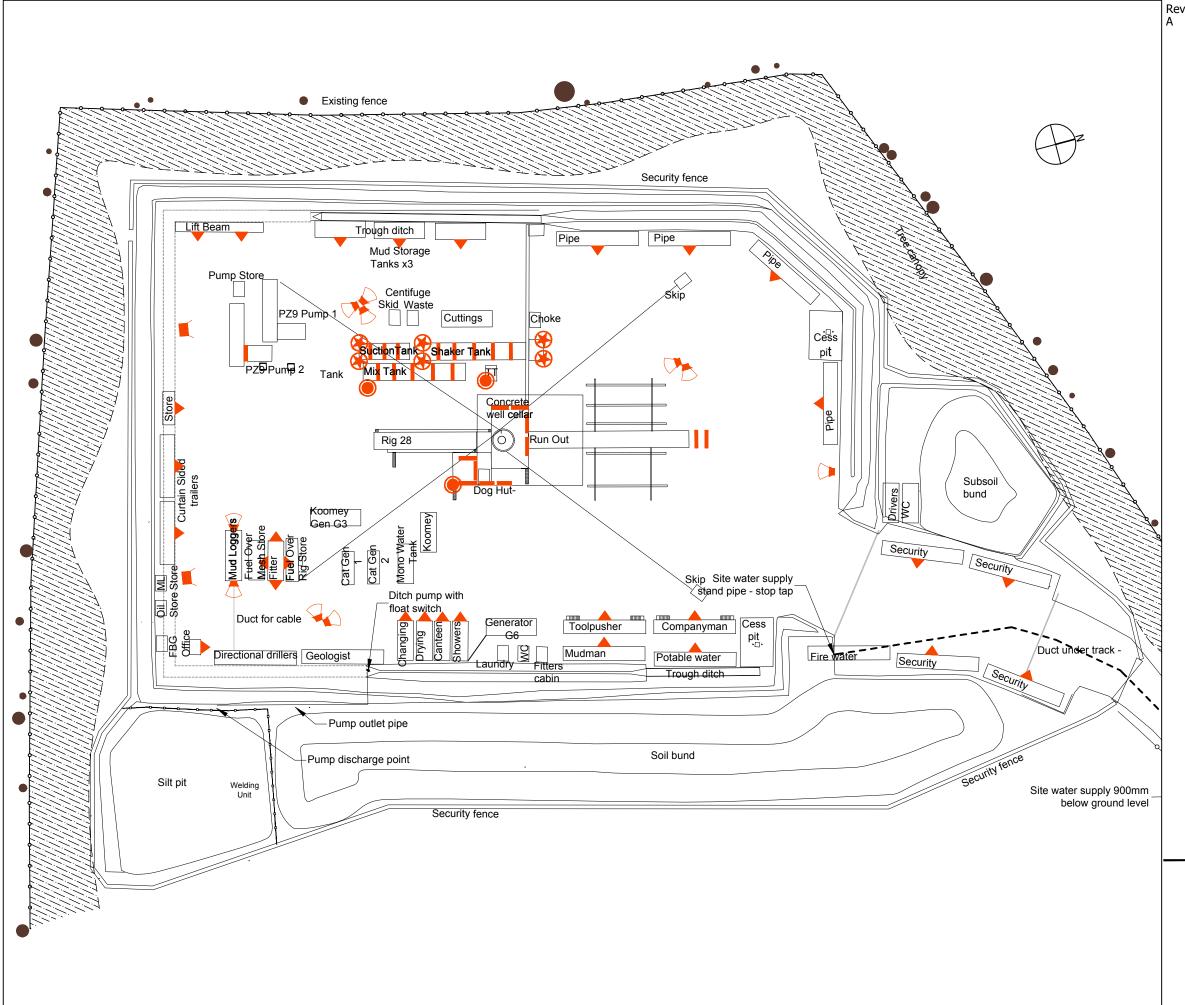


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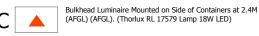
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150W SafeSite Highbay LEDs



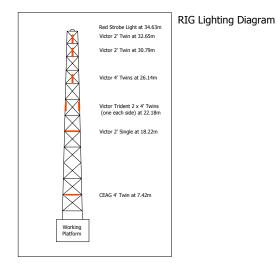
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400W SONR Sodium Lights



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# Proposed Site Plan Drilling Mode Lighting Plan

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