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Dear Mr Elkington

REFERENCE: DM/19/4223

DESCRIPTION: REMOVE DRILLING FLUIDS AND CARRY OUT AN EXTENDED WELL TEST.

THIS PROPOSAL IS A TWO-STAGE ACTIVITY:

1) PUMPING OUT PREVIOUSLY USED DRILLING FLUIDS TO ASCERTAIN

**ANY OIL FLOW (UP TO 4 WEEKS)** 

2) SHOULD OIL BE SEEN TO FLOW, AN EXTENDED WELL TEST WOULD

BE CARRIED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

LOCATION: LOWER STUMBLE EXPLORATION SITE OFF LONDON ROAD BALCOMBE

RH17 6JH

I refer to your consultation received on 8th October 2019 inviting a formal consultation response in relation to the above-mentioned application.

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

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

- Hours of work
- Numbers of HGV's/routing/deliveries to avoid school drop off and pick up times.

Any conditions should ensure that the details set out in the submitted Noise Management Plan by RSK Environment (September 2019) are adhered to and that the suggested conditions in Appendix B are included.

Those conditions should also ensure that the site is restored to an agreed standard 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 local residents.

Finally, MSDC urges 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 that the control of odour from the flaring, and that groundwater is protected from the effects of pollution.

Thank you for consulting me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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