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Subject: Objection to Angus Energy"s Application at Balcombe to "Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test".
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Please consider this email an official objection to Angus Energy's Application at Balcombe to "Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test".

The reasons for my objection are:

- The proposed development would represent major development in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, for which there are no exceptional circumstances, and which is not in the public interest.
- There are alternative sources of hydrocarbon supply, both indigenous and imported, to meet the national need, there would be minimal benefit to the local economy from the development, and there is scope for meeting the need in some other way, outside of nationally designated landscapes.
- It would therefore be contrary to Policies M7a and M13 of the West Sussex Joint Local Minerals Plan (2018) and paragraphs 170 and 172 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019).

With these key factors of exceptional circumstances and the lack of benefit to the local economy along with the usual reasons of climate change commitments, potential air and water pollution, HGV traffic passing within 3 metres of Balcombe's primary school, noise, site lighting (which will disturb the five species of bats that inhabit the site and adjoining ancient woodland in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and not be temporary at all, as would set the precedent that would promote oil exploration throughout the Weald, this application should be refused AGAIN.

Yours,

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