



Local Policing Support Team

Your Ref: WSCC/045/20 Our Ref: LM/WSX/20/02A Date 27th August 2020
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Dear Mr Bartlett,

RE: Lower Stumble Exploration Site, off London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath RH17 6JH

Thank you for your correspondence of the 27th August 2020, advising me of planning application to Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion. With the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Haywards Heath and Balcombe areas being below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site specific requirements should always be considered.

I direct the applicant to previous correspondence from this office pertaining to this site to which all comments remain extant.

Your Ref: WSCC/005/14/BA dated 23rd February 2014 and Our Ref: PE/WSX/13/28/B dated the 3rd March 2014.

Your Ref: WSCC/040/17BA dated the 27th October 2017 and Our Ref: NW/WSX/17/07A dated the 31st October 2017.

Your Ref: WSCC/071/19 dated the 8th October 2019 and Our Ref: NW/WSX/17/07B dated the 25th October 2019.

Mr Bartlett
Planning Officer
County Planning
West Sussex County Council

Your Ref: WSCC/071/19 dated the 17th January 2020 and Our Ref: NW/WSX/17/07C dated the 28th January 2020.

I have examined the detail within this application from a crime prevention viewpoint and note from the details within the application that the site has a post and mesh perimeter fence to a height of 2 meters - however I would like to offer some additional crime prevention advice.

The two main crime prevention measures that will benefit this installation are secure perimeter fencing with gates and lighting. In addition to the above two measures, due to the rural location it may be necessary for a monitored intruder alarm system to be fitted to indicate any intruders. In remote location such as this, the intruder system can also be linked to a CCTV system to provide a remote visual link to the site as well. I recommend that consideration is given to the lighting to ensure that should CCTV be installed the lighting is commensurate with it.

Entrance/driveway gates should be inward opening, of substantial framed construction and employ galvanized adjustable hinges and fixings mounted behind the attack face. Hinge systems must not allow the gate to be 'lifted off' and therefore should employ a method to restrict the removal of the gate from the adjoining fence post or wall. Gates should be fitted with a galvanized drop bolts and facility for padlocking (manual gates) or electro-mechanical locking (automated gates) and employ mechanical/electro-mechanical devices as applicable to hold gate leaves in the open position.

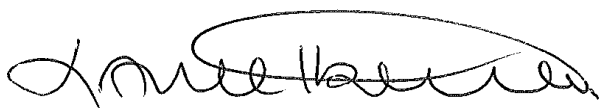
The gate construction should have the same design and construction attributes as the fence. Where automated gates are supplied and installed these must meet with the EU Machinery Directive and be CE marked accordingly.

The tops of fences should finish flush with their posts. It is important to ensure that where stepped ground is present there are no gaps which enable access under the fence. Equally important is to ensure that all elements that make up the perimeter security are of the same design, height and construction so that no one single element will compromise the overall security of the perimeter security.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to make comments.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely



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