

West Sussex County Council
Development Control
County Hall Tower Street
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 1RH

Our ref: HA/2020/122535/01-L01

Your ref: WSCC/045/20

Date: 17 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

REMOVE DRILLING FLUIDS AND CARRY OUT AN EXTENDED WELL TEST

**LOWER STUMBLE EXPLORATION SITE, OFF LONDON ROAD, BALCOMBE,
HAYWARDS HEATH RH17 6JH**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

Environment Agency Position

We have reviewed the updated hydrogeological report and have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted. We are satisfied with the fundamental findings and recommendations.

Advice to Local Planning Authority/Applicant

Additional permits and/or variations of existing permits are required in association of the proposed works. As per our response to the previous planning application (WSCC/071/19), we would highlight that additional work will be required, which will need to be assessed as part of the Environmental Permitting determination, this would include, but may not be limited to:

- Ensure that a suitably robust and comprehensive, groundwater monitoring strategy is in place.
- Ground truth a number of the risk assessment conclusions in the report.
- Provide a detailed Construction Quality Assurance report confirming proposed engineered containment and contamination controls are installed correctly and provide robust pollution controls.
- Confirmation on the construction of pre-existing contamination control being suitably robust

The following details are also likely to be required as part of any Environmental Permitting determination:

- Details of the inspection of the existing containment measures.

Environment Agency
Guildbourne House Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1LD.
Customer services line: 03708 506 506
www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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- Details of any remediation or replacement of the containment measures.
- Details of future inspection and maintenance.

The need for an environmental permit is separate to the need for planning permission. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of a permit. The applicant is advised to contact our National Customer Contact centre on 03708 506 506 with regards to this work.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Sustainable Places Planning Advisor

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