

# Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number	WSCC/045/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>We are witnessing unfolding climate and ecological breakdown. Our Government has declared a climate emergency but not yet acted to safeguard us, or to support councils in doing so. Despite that, councils should be doing everything in their power - your power - to protect us from this impending devastation. Getting rid of fossil fuels is paramount to this. This proposed development, like the previous application, is 'not in the public interest' and 'not appropriate to the area', in the words of the WSCC planners following Angus Energy's last attempt to secure planning permission for Balcombe. Balcombe remains in an AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY. At a time in England when the devastation of CLIMATE CHANGE is queuing behind the crisis of Covid19, another oil well is simply wrong. Renewables are ever cheaper. Getting rid of fossil fuels is URGENT - a national (and international) obligation. This oil site has no place in modern England. Angus Energy operating this site in Balcombe for one year would establish an INDUSTRIAL PRESENCE here and make it difficult for the council to refuse later stages of development at the site. The presence of the Conoco well (abandoned in the 80s) is irrelevant in this respect. The site has been used in the interim for forestry purposes. We the public do not want it. Balcombe village has voted three time to reject this development. IT IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE or of the people of England. Grounds for objections: Not appropriate for an area of outstanding natural beauty Not in the public interest Risk to groundwater Risk to Ardingly reservoir which is nearby First step to industrialisation of the Weald Stimulation by acid means acid fracturing 14 metre flare is an air pollution risk to local people HGV traffic on a B road past the village school Not an appropriate development, given the Climate and Ecological Emergency that we are in</p>
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