Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number	WSCC/045/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	We are currently in the process of moving to West Sussex so are deeply concerned that the fossil fuel industry are planning to drill for oil in an AONB My reasons for objecting are: Risk of groundwater contamination.: Between 85% & 100% of water supplied to Sussex comes from groundwater sources. Drilling is well recognised as posing a very high risk of contamination of groundwater resources and this risk is further enhanced in Sussex with its geological fault lines. Previous planning applications for test drilling have been rejected by both Balcombe Parish Council and WSCC planners since they consider that It is not in the public interest to have a major development in an area of outstanding natural beauty, HGV traffic: The access road to the proposed site is totally unsuitable for the HGV traffic that drilling operations will create. Also the road passes in front of a school and HGV traffic will generate a potential health risk from exhaust fumes and disruption from engine noise. Flaring: Test drilling requires gas to be flared off. These flares generate foul smelling fumes and pollution which will adversely affect local residents and the environment associated with AONB's Seismic events: Onshore oil exploration has caused earthquakes where undertaken elsewhere in the UK Thin edge of the wedge!: Drilling companies flow-test for oil and a successful well will inevitably result in a demand for more wells and industrialisation of the area. Climate Change: There is now a recognition that fossil fuel extraction must cease in order to try to prevent an increase in the already catastrophic effects of climate change. Conclusion You may have noticed that I live in Kent rather than Sussex but my concerns over these proposals stem from the fact that we'll be moving to West Sussex in the near future.
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