Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application
number
Name

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Address

the old mill house, slaugham place

Type of Comment Comments

Objection

Neither Balcombe (who voted in 2015) and WSCC (who voted in March 2020) think that this is in the public's interest locally. The proposed spot is in an area of outstanding natural beauty. HGV traffic: Significant Increase in HGVs close to the school and on London Road. Many of the HGVs are 6-axle vehicles that take up the entire length of the school as they wait to go down London Road. They cross both sides of the road as they turn into the site, and many are so tall they risk hitting the low slung power lines. I have experienced these when my child was at Balcombe primary school and it is not only detrimental to the village environment, it was genuinely scary for the children to be crossing in front of a school with such a large contingent of large trucks. Plus with the police presence, the whole thing was very stressful. Angus will have a flare on site for a year. The site is below the village and the prevailing wind will blow pollutants straight towards residents Risk to water and geology: An independent hydrology report found that the oil well was not sound in all sections which 'increases the risk to groundwater quality' Seismic risk: Oil developments in the Weald and elsewhere have been associated with and proved to cause earthquakes Not temporary: Each time an oil company works here it sets a precedent for more work to follow. They are flow-testing for oil and will be producing oil in the hope they can apply for further production. This will set a further precedent for oil production across the Weald Climate Change: If WSCC allow this they are certainly not 'doing their bit' to try and prevent the climate crisis. It goes against govt. strategy: Boris Johnson's government is to abandon the policy of supporting fracking so why should we be investing in it, instead of green energy.

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