

To The Planning officer

Application number: WSCC/045/20

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

Proposal: Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test

I would like you to add my objection to any further fracking activity by Angus. This is lunacy.

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 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 his 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

Yours faithfully  
Drs SA & B Rudd

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