## Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

It is not in the public interest to explore for oil, particularly not so close to residents. My reasons to object: - HGV traffic: Significant increase in HGVs close to the school on the B2036. 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; - Flaring: 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'. Angus' 'understanding of risk to groundwater systems () is wholly inadequate' (Tapajos Hydrology report 2019); - 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 there 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 mean more disruption to locals for little gain; - Climate Change: WSCC will be going against efforts to meet climate change. Given climate concerns this work is outdated. Energy can be produced in less destructive renewable ways.

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