## Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

With grandchildren growing up in Balcombe, I object to application WSCC/045/20 (extended well testing at Lower Stumble Balcombe) on the following grounds: Risks to Safety There will be a huge increase in HGV traffic, typically more than 20 movements per day, carrying toxic chemicals or waste on a narrow rural road a pavement width from the village primary school. Many of the vehicles will be of the largest and most polluting 6 axle type, changing the character and composition of traffic on this road, and introducing new point sources of air pollution. Risks to Health and the Environment -Groundwater pollution - due to contamination of surrounding land, streams, and aquifers by toxic waste fluids, as a result of leaks or spillage, geological faults, or poor well construction/ management. A recent independent review of the Hydrogeological Risk Assessment submitted by Angus Energy has highlighted numerous inconsistencies, inadequacies, and misleading statements, giving substantial cause for concern regarding groundwater contamination and sealing of the well casing. - Air pollution from carcinogens and respiratory irritants released into the atmosphere during gas flaring, and from diesel fumes emitted by vehicles and plant. The Stumble site is below the village and prevailing winds will blow pollutants directly onto the village. Risks to the Environment and Wildlife - From noise, fumes, and inappropriate industrialisation in a formerly tranquil village in idyllic Sussex countryside. - From possible seismic disturbance. This is known to have occurred at other sites. General If this application is approved and flow testing is successful, it will doubtless be followed by a further application for full scale production. For the reasons listed above, this is likely to result in a change to the character and distinctiveness of the area and adverse impacts on human health. In order to meet the government target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and avoid catastrophic climate change, it is essential to reduce our use of fossil fuels. The efforts of energy companies should be concentrated on the development of renewable sources, not the exploitation of further sources of gas or oil. For the sake of future generations this application should be refused.

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