## Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

HGV traffic: There will be a large increase in HGVs close to Balcombe school on the B2036. Many of the HGVs are very long and heavy 6-axle vehicles. As they stop and wait to go down London Road they take up the entire length of the village school. The lorries cross both carriageways of the road as they turn into the site, and many are so tall they could easily hit the low slung power lines causing fires and knocking out the electricity supply. Some of the classrooms are only a pavement width from the road and the lorries are belching exhaust into school children's lungs. Flaring: Angus will have a flare on the site for a year. The site is below the village and the prevailing wind will blow toxic pollutants (including cancer-causing benzene and sulphur-containing compounds) straight towards residents. Risk to water and geology: An independent hydrology report found that the oil well was not sound in all its sections which 'increases the risk to groundwater quality'. An expert report described Angus's "understanding of the risk to groundwater systems" as" wholly inadequate" (Tapajos Hydrology report 2019). Seismic risk: Oil developments in the Weald and elsewhere have been associated with and have been proved to cause earthquakes. Setting a precedent for further drilling - no time limit to development in practice: 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 will then apply for further production. This will mean more disruption to locals for no local gain, but instead continued pollution and degradation of the environment. Climate Change: WSCC will be going against efforts to meet national climate change undertakings given by the UK Government (Paris Agreement 2015). Both the UK National Government and WSCC have declared a "climate emergency". This declaration should be given practical effect: no more drilling and fracking in the Weald or anywhere in the UK. Given climate concerns this work is outdated. Energy can be produced in less destructive renewable ways, and the cost of producing electricity from renewable sources is currently lower than from fossil fuels. This cost advantage for renewable energy is getting better and better.

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