

Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number	WSCC/045/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Some of the impacts to Cuckfield If this testing goes ahead in the neighbouring village of Balcombe and drilling goes into production are: 1. A major development in an area of outstanding natural beauty is not in the public interest when the need for hydrocarbons can be met elsewhere 2. This would set a precedent for more wells to be drilled 'back to back across the Weald so it becomes very much like an industrialised process' (to quote Stephen Sanderson (CEO of UKOG, the representative body for the UK onshore oil and gas industry) speaking to potential shareholders. This is not what our local community wants. 3. Lorries for the works would cause heavy traffic by getting stuck at Whiteman's Green roundabout again (and likely other small roundabouts through our village). The work trucks travel too fast through the village, endangering the lives of pedestrians and road users. Several residents on the High Street have experienced damage to their period properties (which give Cuckfield it's beautiful charming centre) from their weight as they thunder through the village and cause vibrations. This have previously been complained about in relation to other works and related lorries. 4. Risk of water/sewage contamination of the river Ouse/reservoir and agricultural area between Cuckfield and Balcombe: An independent hydrology report found the risk assessment done by Angus energy in 2019 was 'wholly inadequate'. Recent emergency events associated with the watershed supply over the last three years have been dealt with very inefficiently and left residents in Cuckfield without water for several days in a row on three occasions. Any other potential disasters on the water supply side would not be able to be dealt with properly, as shown by our recent experience.. 5. Risk of seismic activity: Oil developments in the Weald and elsewhere have been associated with and proved to cause earthquakes.</p>
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