Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number	WSCC/045/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	There are several reasons to object to the proposed well test at Lower Stumble. The activities required for such a proposed undertaking will require HGVs that are not particularly suited for navigating through Balcombe. This will result in traffic congestion that will negatively impact the area. There are some power lines that are not that high above the main road. Has there been a proper risk assessment done on this? How big was the margin for error if a risk assessment has been made? The siting of this well is one that gives me grave concern. The proposed well is not far from Ardingly reservoir which serves the water supply for Mid Sussex. A recent hydrology report highlighted the threat that the oil well was not sound in all sections which "increases the risk to groundwater quality". Given this, the the proposal should be rejected on these grounds alone. The proposal also states that Angus Energy will be flaring on site for a year. There re many detrimental health issues here. For a start, there are many pollutants that are emitted during the flaring process, many of which are carcinogenic. Depending on the direction of the wind these pollutants could endanger the residents of not just Balcombe but also Haywards Heath, surrounding villages and the Maidenbower and Worth districts of Crawley. What surveys have been done with regard to this? What will happen at the end of the year? Will the flaring be allowed to continue? Will the gas be allowed to migrate out of the well unchecked thus contributing to the UK's greenhouse Gas emissions whilst at the same time maintaining the carcinogenic threat to nearby residents? Hydraulic fracturing process has been linked with an unwanted increase in seismic activity. Is this really what the Planning department want? These are reasons why I believe that this proposal should be voted down
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