Comment for planning application WSCC/045/20

Application number	WSCC/045/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I strongly object to Angus Energy's resubmitted application at Balcombe. Your planners correctly refused their last application on these grounds: "- The proposed development would represent major development in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, for which there are no exceptional circumstances, and which is not in the public interest. - There are alternative sources of hydrocarbon supply, both indigenous and imported, to meet the national need, there would be minimal benefit to the local economy from the development, and there is scope for meeting the need in some other way, outside of nationally designated landscapes. - It would therefore be contrary to Policies M7a and M13 of the West Sussex Joint Local Minerals Plan (2018) and paragraphs 170 and 172of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019)." Nothing has changed other than a shorter time period. This is still NOT in the public interest. Also of a major concern is the research of the independent hydrology report that was carried out by Tapajs Limited which found that the oil well cement casing was 'poor' and not sound in all sections. This poses risks of pollution and of leaked water migrating in unexpected ways because of the naturally faulted geology. The risks of contamination of the water supply from an acid, chemical or oil spillage, however small, are completely unacceptable! The last time Angus carried out tests at Balcombe, the well filled with water. They claimed this was not formation water but drilling fluid that had remained in the well but did not substantiate this claim. They are not to be trusted to operate this site. It was proved at Brockham that they drilled without permission from Surrey County Council which meant their admission to the AIM market was based on lies. This application must be refused.
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