Dear WSCC,

I wish to voice my strong objection to Angus Energy's planning application - WSCC/045/20 for the following reasons:

The proposed plan to "remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test" is not in the public interest. Quite the contrary. It is evident now more than ever that sustainable energy is the future and the search for green alternatives that do not contribute to detrimental climate change must be a priority. If a schoolgirl from Sweden can recognise this, I am sure Angus Energy are not beyond learning.

However carefully Angus Energy chose to word it: be it "stimulation" or "acid fracturing"; it is well documented that the proposed activity poses significant risk to groundwater quality in addition to increased risk of seismic activity. I do not want contaminated water and earthquakes where I live.

The potential increase in pollution resulting from the flare and additional HGV traffic cannot and should not be tolerated in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The inevitable impact on our precious and dwindling wildlife cannot be underestimated and it simply beggars belief that this application has reached this stage, despite numerous historic objections. Indeed, even the smallest concession to such a company would set a dangerous precedent for repeated, long term, sustained activity to follow.

I say NO. No to the exploration of oil so close to a peaceful and beautiful residential area. No to the harm the proposed development could do to our wildlife and quality of life. No to Angus Energy.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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