

From: [helen.savage](#)
To: [PL Planning Applications](#)
Subject: Objection Angus
Date: 09 October 2020 22:40:01

Objection by Helen Savage to application WSCC/045/20 Sep 2020

Location: Lower Stumble Exploration Site, off London Road, Balcombe, RH17 6JH

Proposal: Remove drilling fluids and carry out an extended well test.

Dear Planners,

I'm sorry for this late addition, but I have been looking closely at this statement, from the West Sussex joint minerals plan policy M7A and I don't honestly see how you can possibly pass Angus Energy's application in relation to it.

'With regard to development proposals deemed to be major, the site is located outside the South Downs National Park, High Weald AONB or Chichester Harbour AONB unless it has been demonstrated that there are exceptional circumstances and that it is in the public interest,'

1) These are clearly not exceptional circumstances. Angus have already declared themselves that this is a 'cottage industry' in oil terms, 'not a game-changer' (CLG 2019) and we estimate will produce a 0.005% the amount of oil of Wytch farm. So this oil will make little difference to national supply. SO even if the need was urgent, this oil production would make little difference. Exceptional circumstances, implies absolute desperate need, war time or national emergency. I cannot see that any exceptional circumstances exist which necessitate this small amount of oil be taken out of the ground here.

2) This is clearly a major development as defined below....:

The Town and Country Planning, England - The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 defines a major development as -

“ Development involving any one or more of the following -

(A) the winning and working of minerals or use of land for mineral-working deposits;

(B) waste development;

(C)

(D)

(E) development carried out on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more;

“Mining operations” means the winning and working of minerals in, on or under land, whether by surface or underground working.”

3) We know from the extremely high number of objections and petitions that it is not in the public interest. This is backed up by the fact that we are in a declared climate emergency, therefore it is not in the public interest to do anything that will exacerbate that climate emergency, thus contributing to catastrophic climate change.

Thank you for reading this late,

Helen Savage