Comment for planning application WSCC/046/23

Application number	WSCC/046/23
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	To . WSCC Planning. Regarding application no. WSCC/046/23 OBJECTION: The NPPF states that the economic case for sustainable development will be met by ensuring that land is available 'in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity;' In this regard, the Broadford Bridge site has been left dormant for years, and has produced no usable oil or gas. It has not & is not contributing to the economy in any meaningful way. Any future development for geothermal energy is hypothetical in the extreme. Whilst there is a scheme operating in Southampton, this is based on an aquifer, while the case for repurposing oil wells is unproven. Given the uncertain state of the applicant's finances, the ongoing presence of this site poses a fiscal risk to WSCC. The authority could become liable for restoration costs should the company fail and the landowner not have the wherewithal to fund the necessary works. As a minimum, if this permission is granted, WSCC should secure an adequate restoration bond from the applicant as a planning condition, in accordance with Planning Practice Guidance paragraphs 048 & 049. As a precedent, Nottinghamshire County Council acted accordingly for the shale gas exploration at Misson Springs.
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