

Comment for planning application WSCC/046/23

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Name	<input type="text" value="Emily Mott"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Broadreed Farm Stansted Park Rowlands Castle PO96DZ (West Sussex property)"/>
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Rural Character: Having a polluting oil and gas/ industrial facility where once were fields has a negative impact on the area. FINANCE/limited liability company/ The NPPF/ guidance says a bond may be sought in "exceptional circumstances". UKOG (234) Ltd does not have reliable independent revenue streams and is depending on uncertain funding from its PLC parent company (which is itself reliant on funding from issuing shares into the market)

RESTORATION/ RISK OF STRANDED ASSETS

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RESTORATION PRIORITY The WSCC has an important role to play in tackling climate change and National Planning Guidance affirms that climate change is a core principle. Restoration should form part of WSCC priority action as set out in WSCC's action on climate. In June 2019, WSCC launched a climate campaign and called on everyone to act carefully and responsibly with regard to the environment. WSCC made a pledge to work towards making West Sussex County Council carbon neutral. Allowing unnecessary oil and gas exploration in the county will be in direct conflict with this commitment. "Over the next four years we are planning a further 35m investment in low carbon energy projects alone and through this campaign we hope to encourage a movement in West Sussex towards more sustainable living. "It may be hard for some but we all have to change the way we live by taking action. The consequences of not taking action are really scary and that is why I am making a plea for everyone to take action now."

Traffic / Emissions Adversane Lane has gained from the drill being removed and the lack of HGV traffic. That should continue as they suffered from increased noise, light and disruption from the site and HGVs, as well as the wear and tear on the roads. The original estimate of 22% increase in HGV traffic was found from survey to be 68% as the heavy traffic was not using the Advisory Lorry Network route. The increase in Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements would be detrimental to the area. Increases in HGV traffic would pose risks to walkers, cyclists Carbon/ Methane emissions from oil sites When oil is produced, associated gases are released. For example, every month in 2019, the Singleton Oil well in West Sussex has been spewing from 390-480 tonnes of associated

gases(primarily methane) into the atmosphere. [https://data-ogauthority.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/oga-field-production-pprs-wgs84 geometry=-0.800%2C50.901%2C-0.705%2C50.920&selectedAttribute=AGASPRODEN](https://data-ogauthority.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/oga-field-production-pprs-wgs84%20geometry%200.800%2C50.901%2C-0.705%2C50.920&selectedAttribute=AGASPRODEN) Methane has over eighty times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide.

Energy Security

Any small amount of oil coming from this well would have no impact on our energy security as it is proven that any indigenous oil is exported and sold on the international market and will not bring down domestic costs.

Granting permission would not advance our commitment to transition away from fossil fuels.

Geothermal? Any geothermal application would need to be applied for separately. Putting this into the application is a distraction from a company that doesn't care one iota for the environment or the communities where they work.

Please refuse permission and ask for immediate restoration before it is too late and the site becomes a public liability.

Sincerely,

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Attachments The following files have been uploaded:

[Broadford_objection.pdf](#)

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