

# Comment for planning application WSCC/046/23

Application number	WSCC/046/23
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is the 'rulebook' for planning authorities when considering applications, Paragraph 217 (e) indicates that "restoration and aftercare" is required "at the earliest opportunity".</p> <p>'Achieving Sustainable Development' is the thread running throughout the NPPF and requires 'Social', 'Economic' and 'Environmental' considerations to be taken into account. Any hydrocarbon development at Broadford Bridge is NOT sustainable.</p> <p>The Weald is heavily faulted and there are faults directly under the drill site. David Smythe discusses this at length in his Earthquake Report - Page 15.</p> <p>Research from Dr Robert Westaway (Senior Research Fellow in earthquake seismology) and other geologists have concluded that the Newdigate swarm of earthquakes were caused by UKOG drilling at Horse Hill due to the faults that exist around the Weald. At the time of the enquiry, Oil &amp; Gas Authority (now North Sea Transition Authority) and British Geological Survey said the earthquakes were not caused by UKOG as they claimed they were not on site at the time. This was proved as a lie due to drone evidence and had to admit it later.</p> <p>Potential contamination of water by acid and other chemicals used particularly in light of the well failure referred to in Jan 2024 newsletter.</p> <p>Adversane Lane, Billingshurst 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 the survey to be 68% as the heavy traffic was not using the Advisory Lorry Network route.</p> <p>UKOG's spurious plans to use the site for geothermal energy exploration has no relevance to this licence. Any plans for an additional borehole would require a separate planning application not an addition to the current one.</p> <p>It is also not clear if their 'plans' for converting the Broadford Bridge site to Geothermal Energy production involves the existing well on site.</p> <p>Casing failure There are long term problems associated with using abandoned oil wells for geothermal energy.</p> <p>The delaying tactics that the company is using must be curtailed. If allowed to continue it is likely that they will fold before they restore the site and then the local authority or central government will have to fund the work.</p>
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