Comment for planning application WSCC/046/23

Application number	WSCC/046/23
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Type of Comment	Objection
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The site has shown no signs of commercial viability, therefore the the need to consider the benefits of the development including for the economy is rendered irrelevant.

The discussion of geothermal energy is highly speculative at best, and simply greenwashing in all likelihood as the company remains committed to generating its cashflow from oil and gas (see the UKOG annual report).

Where this future cashflow is uncertain, as demonstrated by persistently low and falling shareprices as well as high expenditure to cover ongoing legal fees for cases which lend uncertainty to the future commercial viability of the corporation, it would be irresponsible to assume that they will retain the necessary funds for site restoration given an additional 24 month extension. With no bond in place, the financial burden of restoration in this highly plausible scenario would fall upon the public purse.

UKOG already lacks the social licence to operate, and must restore the site before they lack the finances to operate.

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