

Application No: WSCC/083/13/KD
COUNTY MATTER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

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In pursuance of their powers under the above mentioned Act and Orders, West Sussex County Council hereby notify you that they **REFUSE** the following development, that is to say:-

The installation of a well and associated infrastructure, including access road and soil bunds, for the drilling of a vertical borehole and contingent horizontal borehole from the same well for the exploration, testing and evaluation of hydrocarbons for a temporary period of three years at Land south of Boxal Bridge, Northup Field, Wisborough Green, West Sussex, RH14 0DD

as shown on the application and plans submitted to this Council for the following reason:

- 1 The applicant has failed to demonstrate that vehicles could enter and exit the site safely and without detriment to the highway network, contrary to Policies 26, 47 and 48 of the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003), paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012), Policy TR7 of the Chichester Local Plan (first review)(1999), and Policy 39 of the Chichester Local Plan (Key Policies Pre-Submission Document (2014)).
- 2 The applicant has failed to show that vehicles could travel the proposed route to the site safely and without harm to highway capacity or road safety, contrary to policies 26, 47 and 48 of the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003), Policy TR7 of the Chichester Local Plan (first review)(1999), Policy 39 of the Chichester Local Plan (Key Policies Pre-Submission Document (2014) and paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012).

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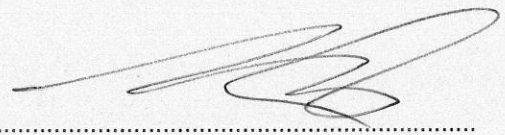
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Strategic Planning Manager

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- 3 The applicant has failed to accurately assess the increase in HGV movements resulting from the development and so has failed to demonstrate that it would not have a detrimental impact on highway capacity and road safety, and on residential amenity through increased noise. The development would, therefore, be contrary to policies 19, 26, 47 and 48 of the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003), Policies RE12 and TR7 of the Chichester Local Plan (first review)(1999), Policies 39 and 48 of the Chichester Local Plan (Key Policies Pre-Submission Document (2014) and paragraphs 32, 120 and 123 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012).
- 4 The heavy goods vehicles resulting from the development would harm the character of Wisborough Green village and conservation area. The development would, therefore, be contrary to Policy 26 of the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003), Policies RE12 and BE6 of the Chichester Local Plan (first review)(1999), paragraphs 28, 131 and 134 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012), and Policies 25, 39, 45, 47 and 48 of the Chichester Local Plan (Key Policies Pre-Submission Document (2014)).
- 5 The Applicant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County Planning Authority that the application site presents the best option in comparison with other alternative sites within the area of search (the Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) area) contrary to Policy 26 of the Minerals Local Plan (2003).

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Strategic Planning Manager

YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES.

THEY ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT PRETEND TO SET OUT THE WHOLE OF THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO CONSULT YOUR SOLICITOR IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT.

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1 Appeals to the Secretary of State

- (a) If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for a proposed development, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

 - (a) If you want to appeal, then you must do so using a form which you can obtain by contacting the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 00 00 or submitted electronically via the Planning Portal at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal>. Your appeal and essential supporting documents must reach the Inspectorate within 6 months of the date shown on the Local Planning Authority's decision notice or, for 'failure' appeals, within 6 months of the date by which they should have decided the application.
- 2** Further correspondence about this application should quote the reference number at the top right hand corner of the form.