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Attachments: [WGPC Oil confirmed response dated 19.06.14.pdf](#)

The Parish Council's response is now attached. If you require a paper copy in the post then please let me know.

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19th June 2014

Dear Ms Moseley

Planning Application No: WSCC/083/13/KD

Proposal: 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.

Location: Land south of Boxal Bridge, Northup Field, Wisborough Green, West Sussex, RH14 0DD.

Applicant: Celtique Energie Weald Ltd

Wisborough Green Parish Council (WGPC) **OBJECTS** to this proposal. The Council considers the site location to be wholly inappropriate due to the impact it would have on many aspects of the local community and rural environment.

WGPC has reviewed the applicant's additional submission dated April 2014 and concludes that the fundamental issues for the village remain as in its earlier objection. The submissions include some minor changes to a number of issues, and although these are mostly positive, they are only incremental and in no way moderate the serious effects of the proposed development. WSCC had requested technical justification to substantiate why the 'search area' was set so small and this has not been provided.

WGPC's objections are in alignment with the clear overall views of the local community.

Wisborough Green is well advanced in developing a Neighbourhood Plan – Localism legislation demands that we use sustainability to guide our community's plan. This exploration application brings industrialisation to the very heart of the village - not at all sustainable. WGPC is particularly concerned about potential cumulative impacts on our community with our Neighbourhood Plan


likely to recommend locations for future housing develop alongside the transport routes identified in this application. The resulting increase in traffic during development and when the new housing is occupied will create a far greater cumulative impact than either development taking place in isolation.

In summary:

Wisborough Green Parish Council's objection is that the location is unsuitable, inappropriate and unacceptable.

- Key to the objection is the impact of a significant increase in traffic, particularly HGV on the roads through our community. The Council believes that community safety will be compromised.
- The proposed location does not have direct access to the appropriate calibre road network and intends using unsuitable rural roads not designed or safe to carry the proposed traffic. (See photographs in Appendix A).
- The proposals are not in line with established WSCC and Chichester District Council policies, as well as the current Kirdford and emerging Wisborough Green Neighbourhood Plans.
- The proposed development will impact on safety, noise and lighting levels, and will cause considerable disruption to the local community.
- Alternative locations and transport solutions have not been properly considered.
- Cumulative impacts related to future development in the community.

Yours sincerely



L Davies (Mrs)
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Appendix A:

Photographs to demonstrate the unsuitability of the access roads through the centre of Wisborough Green:

Proposed route to the site:



The village green is used several times every week for recreational activities involving many people in the community, particularly vulnerable young children, typically with cars parked all around The Green.



Left off Durbans Road into Kirdford Road in the centre of the village. This crossroads has been the site of numerous accidents over the years, including fatality and serious injury.



Past the popular children's playground and sports pitches.



Corner just prior to the Skiff Lane junction.



Boxal Bridge – single carriageway.



Boxal Brook in flood. With heavy rain and flood conditions this road is impassable to cars.