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Jane Moseley
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Dear Ms Moseley

Re: WSCC/083/13/KD Land south of Boxal Bridge, Northup Field, Wisborough Green. 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 exploration, testing and evaluation of hydrocarbons for a temporary period of three years

Loxwood Parish Council has considered this application and OBJECTS on the following grounds. The Parish Council is concerned about potential for increased traffic, pollution, noise and light pollution.

The Parish Council also has concerns regarding potential pollution to local groundwater. There are also concerns about the effect of the proposed development on local wildlife, in particular the endangered Barbastelle Bat. Loxwood Parish Council would urge the County Council to seek advice from an appropriately qualified independent ecologist in order to consider the impact of the proposed development on protected species.

The Parish Council is particularly concerned about the increase in the volume of HGVs on unsuitable rural roads, such as Skiff Lane, and on the B2133 in Loxwood. Loxwood has a congestion problem on the B2133 at the Post Office. Shoppers park their cars outside the shops blocking the southbound carriageway causing a bottleneck which results in alternate traffic flows. An increase in HGV movements would make this congestion worse. If the County Council is minded to grant permission, Loxwood Parish Council would request a S.106 agreement requiring all vehicles utilise the shortest route between the site and the nearest A road, being the A272 at Wisborough Green, when entering and exiting the site.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Loxwood Parish Council