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Our ref: KD/13/03070/CMA

Decision Date:
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Application: KD/13/03070/CMA

WSSC Ref: WSSC/083/13/KD. 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. Northup Field South Of Boxall Bridge Village Road Kirdford West Sussex

I refer to your re-consultation request letter dated 15 May 2014 in respect of the above, alerting Chichester District Council to the further information supplied and seeking updated comments on Environmental Health matters.

In terms of the environmental health impacts of the proposal, specifically noise, air quality and contamination, West Sussex County Council (WSSC) is advised as follows:

Noise issues

In the absence of information demonstrating noise impacts, Chichester District Council expresses concerns about the effects of noise and it:

1. Requests that WSSC seeks the advice and assistance of specialist acoustic engineers. It is understood these consultants have been engaged and Chichester District Council will defer assessment on noise matters to these specialists.

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2. Recommends that WSCC should satisfy itself on the following matters, with the assistance of specialist acoustic and engineering advice as appropriate:

- that the applicant has demonstrated that the lowest practical night time noise levels will be achieved and at no time will the noise limit of 42dB LAeq, 5 min be exceeded (including by a single event)
- that the impact of the drilling and well testing operations on all noise sensitive properties, including low frequency noise, can be restricted to an acceptable level, specifically in relation to ambient levels
- that operations will not produce tonal noises with the specific characteristics identified in the Environmental Health (noise) consultation response (a copy of which is included with this letter).

3. The Council is concerned that the noise report submitted does not provide all the information requested, in accordance with your letter dated 03 December 2013.

Contaminated land, air quality and construction management

1. An objection is raised to the application in relation to contaminated land, air quality and construction management unless the recommended conditions set out below are applied.

Noise (construction management)

1. Restricting construction hours to 08:00 - 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 - 13:00 Saturday
2. Setting a maximum noise limit of 55 dBLAeq, 5 min, when measured 3.5m from the facade of any dwelling

Conditions to this effect are necessary to ensure protection of occupiers of noise sensitive properties during the construction phase.

Contamination

1. Submission and approval of details of the contamination mitigation measures to be adopted, based on the measures outlined in Section 11.71-11.82 and Table 11.4 of the Environmental Statement (Addendum) dated April 2014.
2. Appropriate facilities for the proper storage of oils, fuels and chemicals to be provided on site.

Conditions to this effect are necessary to ensure the risk of new contamination is minimised and there will be no significant residual effects.

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Air Quality

1.

Adherence to the submitted Air Quality Mitigation measures in appendices 15.1 and 15.4 and the Traffic Management Plan in Chapter 6A of the Environmental Statement (Addendum) dated April 2014 during construction.

Conditions to this effect are necessary to ensure protection of health and the environment during all stages of the development process.

Finally, Chichester District Council would request that West Sussex County Council has considered whether the 'worst case scenario' arising from the principle of the development would be acceptable.

Copies of all consultation replies received can be viewed on the Council's website www.chichester.gov.uk quoting the reference number of the application.

Yours faithfully



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