WSCC ECOLOGY response to planning consultation

Application reference number: WSCC/008/18/BN

Location: Lidsey Oil Site, Lidsey Road, Aldingbourne,

West Sussex PO22 9PH

Proposal: Retention of Lidsey oil site including two existing wells and production plant and equipment within the existing site to produce hydrocarbons for a further period of 10 years.

Date: 09/04/18

Response

I have studied the application and do not wish to raise objection on ecological grounds subject to a Condition to ensure that two fire water tanks remain suitably covered to prevent death or injury to Barn Owls.

Barn Owls are known to occur in the immediate area and are very susceptible to drowning in water tanks. Furthermore, they are afforded special protection under Schedule 1 of The Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981).

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