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Dear Mr Bartlett

Re: Lidsey Oilwell Site, Lidsey Road, Aldingbourne, West Sussex, PO22 9PH

Thank you for your correspondence of 9th February 2018, advising me of a Planning Application for the 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 at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion, and with the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in district being below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and from a crime prevention point of view I have no concerns, other than the long term maintenance of the site security.

The steel palisade security fence and gates surrounding the oil well site and the buildings within the site must be maintained in a secure condition and fit for purpose over the requested 10 year retention period. Any trees planted around the security fence should be trimmed to ensure branches are sufficiently far away from it to prevent them being used as a climbing aid to access the site over the fence.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

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