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Our Ref : **BN/58/18/WS**
Your Ref:

Please ask for :
Mr S Davis

Dear Sir/Madam,

Variation of condition 4 on the current planning permission for the site (WSCC/008/18/BN) to allow the flowing of hydrocarbons 24 hours & seven days per week. This is a County Matter and will be determined by WSCC.
Lidsey Oil Site, Lidsey Road, Aldingbourne,

Thank you for your recent application as above. I am able to inform you that this Authority **has no objection.**

The officers report and internal consultee responses can viewed on our web site following the link below.

http://www1.arun.gov.uk/planrec/index.cfm?tpkey=eOcella&user_key_1=BN%2F58%2F18%2FWS&Key!

Yours sincerely



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Group Head of Planning

Recommendation Report for County Matter Consultation

REF NO: BN/58/18/WS

LOCATION: Lidsey Oil Site
Lidsey Road
Aldingbourne
PO22 8NH

PROPOSAL: Variation of condition 4 on the current planning permission for the site (WSSC/008/18/BN) to allow the flowing of hydrocarbons 24 hours & seven days per week. This is a County Matter and will be determined by WSSC.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
	West Sussex County Council has specifically requested the comments of the Council in respect of Environmental Health.
SITE AREA	Total of 1.6 hectares, 0.9 hectares of which is a fenced oil site.
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	None affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Wire fencing around the perimeter.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Open area (previously farmland) along a country track in an isolated spot. The site contains a structure of breeze blocks approximately 1m high.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Rural location. Opposite Southern Water's Lidsey Waste Water Treatment Works.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

BN/4/18/WS	Retention of Lidsey oil site incl two existing wells & production plant & equipment within the existing site to produce hydrocarbons for a further period of 10 years - This application is a County Matter Mineral Application & will be determined by West Sussex County Council. This is a Dual Parish with Aldingbourne	No Objection 04-04-18
BN/31/05/	Development and operation of a three wellhead and beam pump oil production facility, plus ancillary works. (Dual parish with AL/118/05/) This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council	ApprvdCond-WSSC 17-02-06

AL/118/05/	Development and operation of a three wellhead and beam pump oil production facility, plus ancillary works. (Dual Parish with BN/31/05/) This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council.	No Objection 02-12-05
BN/41/03/	Variation of Condition 1 on planning permission AL/84/01 & BN/31/01 to allow extension of time to commencement development. (Dual Parish with AL/91/03) . (This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council.)	No Objection 14-11-03
AL/91/03/	Variation of Condition 1 on planning permission AL/84/01 & BN/31/01 for extension of time to commencement development. (Dual parish with BN/41/03). (This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council.)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 26-11-03
AL/84/01/	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission AL/48/99 and BN/25/99 to allow extension of time for commencement of the operations for a further 2 years (Dual parish with BN/31/01) (This application will be determined by W.S.C.C)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 31-01-02
BN/31/01/	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission AL/48/99 and BN/25/99 to allow extension of time for commencement of the operations of a further 2 years (Dual Parish with AL/84/01/) (This application will be determined by W.S.C.C.)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 31-01-02
AL/48/99/	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission BN/9/97 and AL/38/97 to extend the period of development for a further two years. This application will be determined by WSCC (Dual Parish with BN/25/99)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 01-09-99
BN/25/99/	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission BN/9/97 and AL/38/97 to extend the period of development for a further two years. This application will be determined by WSCC. (Dual Parish with AL/48/99)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 29-10-99
BN/9/97	The erection of a drilling rig, the re-entry of an existing oil well, the drilling of a horizontal sidetrack and the	ApprvdCond-WSCC 29-08-97

subsequent test production of the altered well until 30.6.99. This application appears on this list for information only as it will be determined by WSCC. (Dual Parish with AL/38/97).

AL/38/97	The erection of a drilling rig, the re-entry of an existing oil well, the drilling of a horizontal sidetrack and the subsequent test production of the altered well until 30.6.99. This application appears on this list for information only as it will be determined by WSCC. (Dual Parish with BN/9/97).	ApprvdCond-WSCC 29-08-97
AL/71/95	Renewal of Temporary Permission AL/51/92 for retention of existing wellsite and access road for a further period of 2 years. This application appears on this list for information only as it will be determined by West Sussex County Council.(Dual Parish with BN/19/95).	ApprvdCond-WSCC 01-03-96
BN/19/95	Renewal of temporary permission BN/33/92 for retention of existing wellsite and access road for a further period of 2 years.This application appears on this list for information only as it will be determined by WSCC. (Dual Parish with AL/71/95).	ApprvdCond-WSCC 01-03-96
AL/51/92	Continued use of land as an exploration wellsite and access road and the retention of the existing oilwell,wellhead gear beam pump,tank safety equipment and security fence for a further period of three years - Existing Lidsey Exploration Wellsite, North of Lidsey Sewage Works & East of the A29 at Lidsey Farm, Near Bognor Regis (Dual Parish see BN/33/92)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 26-11-92
BN/33/92	Continued use of land as an exploration wellsite and access road and the retention of the existing oilwell,wellhead gear beam pump, tank safety equipment and security fence for a further period of three years - Existing Lidsey Exploration Wellsite, North of Lidsey Sewage Works & East of the A29 at Lidsey Farm, Near Bognor Regis (Dual Parish see AL/51/92)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 26-11-92
BN/14/90	Continued use of land as an exploration well-site and access road and the retention of the well-head valve	ApprvdCond-WSCC 11-09-90

gear and safety equipment for a further period of 2 years.
(Dual Parish-see (AL/62/90).

AL/62/90	Continued use of land as an exploration well-site and access road and the retention of the well-head valve gear and safety equipment for a further period of 2 years. (Dual Parish-See Main File (BN/14/90)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 11-09-90
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AL/12/87	Modification of Condition 2 of permission BN/10/85 (AL/65/85) to extend the time allowed for the drilling of an exploratory borehole, carrying out a testing programme in the event hydrocarbons are discovered and the restoration of the site	No Objection 29-04-87
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BN/4/87	Modification of Condition 2 of permission BN/10/85 (AL/65/85) to extend the time allowed for the drilling of an exploratory borehole, carrying out a testing programme in the event hydrocarbons are discovered and the restoration of the site (Dual Parish AL/12/87)	No Objection 29-04-87
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Noted.

REPRESENTATIONS

None.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

N/A.

CONSULTATIONS

Environmental Health

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

ADC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: "EH has no comments to make on this application".

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations applicable to site:

Outside Built Up Area Boundary;
 Special Control of Adverts;
 Overhead Electrical Line;
 SWA Interest;
 PD Restriction;
 No Public Sewer; and
 Lidsey Catchment Area.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICES

Barnham & Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan 2014 POLICY ES4	Protection of open views
Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan 2016 POLICY EH1	Resist development outside

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

POLICY COMMENTARY

The Development Plan consists of the Arun Local Plan 2011 - 2031, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Where applicable, Neighbourhood Development Plan's (more commonly known as a neighbourhood plan or NDP), once made by Arun District Council, will form part of the statutory local development plan for the relevant designated neighbourhood area.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:-

"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant Development Plan policies in that the retention of the site and related plant/equipment will not result in any adverse impacts on the character or appearance of the countryside as the site is well screened along a secluded country track.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposal is to allow the flow of hydrocarbons at this existing site on a 24/7 basis. The site currently has permission to operate until the 25th April 2028 and is restricted to hours of working between the hours of 07:30 and 18:00 Mondays to Saturdays (with no work on Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays).

It is not considered that the existing site results in any detrimental impacts on the countryside as it is well screened from nearby public viewpoints and is located at end of a country track. Arun District Council Environmental Health officers have not raised any objections to the application and as such there is no grounds for an objection on pollution grounds (whether noise, air or water supply).

It is considered that the site presents minimal impacts whilst having benefits in respect of oil production. The application is a County Matter and as the proposal does not cause any adverse visual harm or result in any pollution issues, it is recommended that no objection is raised to the application.

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION