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Dear Jane,

Consultation Response – Neighbouring Authority

Application Number: WSCC/050/13/SR
Location: Storrington Oilwell Site, Pulborough Road, Cootham, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 4HP
Proposal: Retention of existing Storrington wellsite including plant and equipment and to continue to produce hydrocarbons for a further period of up to 5 years


Thank you for consulting the SDNPA as a neighbouring Authority on the above application.

Following a review of the application documents, it is noted that there is no departure from existing methods of extraction proposed. It is understood that the site has operated without any major impact on amenity or on the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Parham Park under the previous planning permission's conditions.

While the routing of HGVs through the South Downs National Park has the potential for negative impacts on amenity and landscape, it is considered that the current number of HGV movements generated from the existing site (as outlined in the submitted documents) is acceptable.

As the application is for the continuation of existing hydrocarbon production and there are no additional wells to be drilled, we do not raise any objection to this proposal subject to the inclusion of adequate restoration conditions in any grant of planning permission in order to protect the setting of the South Downs National Park.

Yours Sincerely,



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