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Mr M Elkington
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Dear Mr Elkington

REFERENCE: DM/17/4425

DESCRIPTION: TEMPORARY PERMISSION FOR THE EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL COMPRISING THE FLOW TESTING AND MONITORING OF THE EXISTING HYDROCARBON LATERAL BOREHOLE ALONG WITH SITE SECURITY FENCING, THE PROVISION OF AN ENCLOSED TESTING FLARE AND SITE RESTORATION.

LOCATION: CUADRILLA RESOURCES LTD EXPLORATORY BOREHOLE PLATFORM LOWER STUMBLE WOOD LONDON ROAD

I refer to your consultation received on 27th October 2017 inviting a formal consultation response in relation to the above-mentioned application.

We request that WSCC when determining this application ensure that they are satisfied with the effects of the development on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This includes the visual impact of the lighting, the fencing and all the equipment and structures associated with the site operations. We also request that the comments of the High Weald AONB Unit should be taken into account.

If WSCC grant planning permission subject to conditions, those conditions should ensure that the applicant provides a detailed Construction Management Plan that could include, but not exclusively, the following:

- Hours of work
- Numbers of HGV's/routing/deliveries to avoid school drop off and pick up times.

Those conditions should also ensure that the site is restored to an agreed standard in a timely manner.

In addition, should the operations require staff to live on the site then appropriate accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, should be provided to prevent any risk to their health and local residents.

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Furthermore, we urge WSCC to provide reassurance that they will rigorously apply and enforce the conditions of the application, should it be granted, to ensure that residents are not affected by an unreasonable level of noise, particularly at unsocial hours, that air quality is maintained, including that the control of odour from the flaring, and that groundwater is protected from the effects of pollution.

We also recommend that vehicular movements to the site, particularly HGVs, are kept to a minimum and follow agreed routes and avoid peak times when the potential for disruption to local residents is greater.

Finally, you will be aware of the impact of activities at Lower Stumble have had on the local community in the past. It has been disruptive and divisive and I would therefore ask that both WSCC and the applicant work hard to ensure good communications with and support for the local community.

Thank you for consulting me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A MacNaughton', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Andrew MacNaughton
Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning