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Dear David

It has been brought to my notice that the approaching Planning Committee meeting to decide the application by UKOG to drill at Loxley is causing serious concerns to many of my constituents and to residents in adjoining areas.

I understand that there have been some significant late changes to UKOG's traffic proposals, most notably their decision in March this year to abandon the second access application and revert to the original route via Pratts Corner on B2130. For obvious reasons, while UKOG was pursuing the second access residents concentrated on this route, highlighting its many issues and problems.

However, since March people have re-focused their attention on the Pratts Corner Traffic Management Scheme (TMS) which was then examined closely and found to be impractical, a conclusion with which I gather the County Highways Officer (CHO) dealing with this application now accepts. This has resulted in the scrapping of the temporary 4-way traffic light proposal, but to date there is no or little information available publicly as to what will replace this. This is a matter of significant concern to many of my constituents but most particularly to the Gordon family at High Billingshurst Farm due to the direct negative impact any traffic management scheme will have on their existing and successful wedding venue business.

My constituents have been assisted by the input of a senior retired Highway Engineer, Mr Chris Britton, who lives on Stovolds Hill and is an Alfold Parish Councillor. He was concerned at the prospect of ALLV's grounding as they attempt to turn into High Loxley Road, an issue which has apparently been overlooked by the CHO. Mr Gordon has now commissioned and paid for a survey and expert analysis which has confirmed that ALLVs will in all probability ground at this junction. In addition it has now also become apparent, thanks to Mr Britton's investigations confirmed by the survey paid for by Mr Gordon, that the applicant's vehicles are actually wider than some sections of the metalled carriageway on High Loxley Road.

It is felt very strongly by a number of my constituents that the County Highways should have highlighted these serious failings in the TMS at a much earlier stage and that the physical issues with High Loxley Road should have been identified by County Highways rather than members of the public. It is clear there will have to be significant revisions to UKOG's Traffic Scheme but I understand that details of the TMS will not be made available before the meeting. I believe Officers have advised that it is normal for such details to be worked out as part of any TMS after consent has been granted. However, given the dangers of the highway network at Pratts Corner

I fully support calls by residents for the revised TMS to be published before the Committee hears this application, allowing them time to both examine and comment on it.

There is also another matter, relating to air quality, that needs to be addressed. I have been advised that this will not be monitored at the drill site and this is regarded by SCC as a matter for the Environment Agency. A comparison is being made with an application for anaerobic digestion being heard by the same committee on the same day which is also a matter involving the Environment Agency but where there are draft planning conditions dealing with air quality. Given the known presence of Hydrogen Sulphide at the nearby Godley Bridge drill site my constituents do not understand why no conditions dealing with odour and air quality are proposed by Surrey at the UKOG site when they are regarded as appropriate at an AD site. I understand that the Environmental Health officer from Waverley Borough Council has also raised this issue and suggested that it should be conditioned.

As a more general observation, a number of my constituents tell me they feel there has been a clear failure on the part of SCC Planning Officers to take their concerns about this application seriously. Overall it is felt there has been a failure by officers to balance the interests of the public with that of the developers.

I would be grateful if these serious and significant issues are responded to as swiftly as possible in order to assure my constituents that due process is being adhered to by SCC with regard to this application.

Best wishes

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