SCC UKOG meeting - Sarah

I have lived in Dunsfold for 27 years – it's an unspoilt village just 1.5 kms from the proposed drill site; situated in the Surrey Hills Area of Great Landscape Value, bordering the AONB; under the Waverley Local Plan Policy RE 3 this area has the same principles for protection until its incorporation into the AONB is reviewed.

From the Officers report we know representations sent by objectors are over 80% of the total. But in my view, the revised Report fails to give due consideration to issues raised, which demonstrate the significant adverse impact on our environment and amenities WITHOUT A BALANCE OF positive benefits.

Surrey CC's Climate Emergency Strategy includes some objectives for our futures-

1 Residents live in clean, safe and green communities

Dunsfold and surrounds are just that, BUT this will change if an industrialised drill site is permitted.

2 Journeys across the county are easier, predictable and safer.

If consent is given, large tankers will be turning into a narrow rural lane on a dangerous blind corner, already infamous locally for frequent accidents – a cause for serious concern.

3 Businesses in Surrey thrive.

UKOG makes some exaggerated and inflated claims in this application about its local and national importance. But the IMMEDIATE adverse impact will be at demonstrable cost to three <u>existing</u> local businesses adjacent to the site; these are *real* costs, with a *real* risk of being jeopardised by the development.

An additional issue is the impact on Dunsfold Park Garden Village - a core pillar of Waverley's housing strategy.

The viability of the whole Village project will be literally <u>undermined</u> by the reality of a lateral shaft drilled underneath it.

Any negative impact on housing delivery here will send shock waves throughout this part of Surrey, particularly areas outside the green belt.

The applicant suggests we'll see benefits to the local economy, but it's unlikely during 3 years exploratory drilling; there's no guarantee of future production therefore no guarantee of benefits.

The Government has publicised its Green Revolution - onshore drilling and fossil fuels do NOT feature in their new measures. Surrey Minerals Plan has not changed since 2011 and is now due for review.

UKOG has failed to offer a convincing explanation for how the Loxley scheme would benefit the climate crisis; hydrogen is a buzz word but conversion of any gas found there would only produce GREY hydrogen, not clean *green* hydrogen.

What we do in Surrey, in the U.K, impacts across the globe. And vice versa. Climate change does not recognise borders.

To conclude. Such a speculative and potentially damaging drilling operation is neither justifiable, nor in line with planning policy, nor appropriate in 2020. So please vote to refuse this application.

THANK YOU