

The application site, on the edge of the Surrey Hills AONB, is not strategic, offers very speculative volumes and will not balance the harm caused by these wells.

The site is not well located, no new data has been generated to justify the volume claims made by UKOG as against the knowledge gained from the Godley bridge and Alfold wells and the rebuttal evidence made by Dr Seaborne on 4th August and 27th October.

Dr Seaborne (a retired Oil & Gas professional) challenged the validity of the volumes and the way that UKOG, referred selectively, and used as evidence, an independent study by consultants Xodus. ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,RNS is Regulatory News Service

.....Dr Seaborne wroteThe content of the UKOG Release is in stark contrast to Xodus 2018 Competent Persons Statement (Publicly available) which unequivocally stated that the mapping is not in accord with observed facts and that available data are insufficient to allow a recoverable reserve estimate to be made.

....Dr Seaborne went on to sayIn September 2020 we are told by UKOG that this has changed and we are looking at the second largest onshore UK gas accumulation. This assertion lacks supporting evidence in the form of public access to the Xodus report referred to.

UKOG plan to produce hydrogen – that is grey hydrogen – as distinct from Green. In Hydrogen from natural gas, the Carbon element has to be removed and stored and is more suitable for offshore rather than onshore well

UKOG claim the investment of £6m over the three-year period, will benefit the community, which in the absence of evidence, I contend will be mostly spent with specialised contractors outside Surrey. As against the impact on the two local businesses whose loss will impact for many years and conservatively will be 2-3 times the UKOG investment. Both local businesses have figures available to support this statement, however the officer has not included an impact assessment in his report.

UKOG application is already showing up on local searches – I had one in April for my Dunsfold purchase.

The application site overlooks – the Dunsfold garden village - of 1,800 houses (2,600 in plan), around 4,000 new residents. The success of this site is critical to the Waverley Local Plan and the need to show a five-year housing supply. Any impact to the building out of this

site will impact on the whole of Waverley and the success of the garden village with its many green credentials.

This application if approved will damage the local businesses, expose local residents to the impact from 24 hour operation of the well, will impose an industrial structure at the edge of the AONB and risk the success of the development at Dunsfold Park.

Any planning application is a balance and I urge you to see that the benefits of this speculative drilling do not outweigh the harm at a local nor national level and reject this application as you did on 29th June.