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Dear Mr. Maxwell,

WA/2019/0796 - Construction, Operation and Decommissioning of well site for the exploration and appraisal of hydrocarbon minerals at High Loxley, Dunsfold, Surrey County Council reference; 2019/0072.

I am writing with regards to the above application; a copy of this letter has been sent to both Surrey County Council as the application is being determined by the County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee, and Waverley Borough Council as our Local Planning Authority. Please consider this letter in addition to our letter dated 20th September 2019.

Hambledon Parish Council note that the site of the proposed drilling is located 3.4km from the Parish of Hambledon. Consequently, with the proximity of the proposed development, the impact of such a site would impede on residents within the Parish. Concerns raised include, but are not limited to:

- Air pollution caused by both the oil extraction and the supporting vehicles required to access the site and transport the product. This is further multiplied by the required felling of nearby woodland.
- Impact of light pollution in an area of 'Dark Sky', as recognised by the CPRE. The plans confirm that oil flares would be necessary.
- Insufficient detail to explain what the 'exploratory' nature of the drilling could result in, with the potential to expand the exploratory phase in to fracking; leading to well-documented seismic activity within a 30 mile radius of the site.

The site is situated within the Green Belt and AONB. By allowing development of such a site that carries large environmental and ecological impacts as well as unmitigable risks, it sets a dangerous precedence for the rural English countryside. Justification for the need to meet demand for oil falls short during unprecedented times low oil demand and collapsing future forecasts.

Government policy is contrary to such development to meet 2050 net zero carbon emission targets. Surrey County Council has declared a Climate Emergency since the application was submitted, and residents have overwhelmingly objected to the development.

Hambledon Parish Council is also continuing to object to the application on traffic grounds; we are concerned that there will be associated traffic using narrow and unsuitable lanes local to Hambledon, in particular Marwick and Salt Lanes, unless the proposed Traffic Management arrangements detailed in the Planning Transport Statement Loxley App8 are properly monitored and strictly enforced. Presently, we do not have confidence that the proposed Traffic Management arrangements are suitable for the site and surrounding villages.

There is still no statement in the above document to say how these arrangements will be properly monitored by UKOG. Hambledon Parish Council therefore requests that our concern is suitably addressed prior to granting any approval and that suitable amendments are incorporated within the documentation.

Based on the above points, Hambledon Parish Council **objects** to the application.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Flenley

Clerk to Hambledon Parish Council

CC. Waverley Borough Council