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**Subject:** Loxley Oil Well - UKOG Application WA 2019/0796

David,

Ahead of the Committee meeting on Friday the local residents are concerned that the applicant has sought to justify the drilling operation as a farm diversification activity that would be supported by Policy RD8. As you will see from the policy RD8 below the diversification intended by the policy is other types of farming activity and no adverse affects would arise from the activity including highways safety and access considerations. The mining operation will be commercial in nature and it will have an adverse impact on the environment, landscape, highways and local businesses as set out in previous correspondence. As a result the proposed development will be contrary to the policy and is not supported by it.

Regards

Patrick

#### POLICY RD8 – Farm Diversification

.New uses on agricultural, forestry or horticultural holdings will be permitted where:-

- (a) agriculture, forestry or horticulture remains the principal or dominant use;
- (b) there is no conflict with the principal agricultural, forestry or horticultural use;
- (c) they are accompanied by supporting information e.g. a "Farm Plan";
- (d) the proposed development will not introduce an activity which will adversely affect the character or amenities of the area;
- (e) the proposed development will not be materially detrimental to the amenities or privacy of nearby properties;
- (f) existing farm buildings which are re-used meet the requirements of Policy RD7 above;
- (g) the amount of traffic likely to be generated would not prejudice highway safety or cause significant harm to the environmental character of country roads; and
- (h) satisfactory vehicular access can be achieved.

In the Green Belt, proposals which require new buildings will be considered in accordance with Policy C1.

In the Countryside beyond the Green Belt, new buildings will only be permitted where no suitable existing buildings are available and where the proposed buildings are small scale and unobtrusively located.

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