

Do you know there is an application for a further three years of oil drilling and related activity at Horsehill?

Please take a few minutes to voice your opinion on what is potentially immense threat to our community.

You can comment on this planning application in any of these three ways:

Email mwcd@surreycc.gov.uk

On line <http://planning.surreycc.gov.uk/plancomment.aspx?AppNo=SCC%20Ref%202016/0189>

By post Planning & Development Group, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DY

In your first line, please state if you are objecting to the application.

Below are points you may wish to consider, but you can review all application documents at the web site above. You can find a summary of the application here: <https://drillordrop.com/2016/11/03/horse-hill-new-oil-drilling-and-testing-plans-published/>

However you respond, you must include these details:

- Planning reference number: 2016 / 0189
- Location: Horse Hill 1 Well Site, Horse Hill, Hookwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 ORB
- Your name and address

Are you concerned about commuter cars diverting through Charlwood Village? Horsehill is a busy commuter route carrying average 7 000 vehicles per day. Should traffic movements to / from site be limited to 9.30am to 3.30pm. Should site vehicles be assisted to enter the A217?

Are you concerned about the increase in traffic on Horsehill? Reigate Road, A217, carries 14 000 vehicles per day, 7 000 per day use Horsehill. Additional HGVs pulling out across this 40mph junction pose a severe increase in risk. Should the Transport Statement be re-written to cover the full route to the M23? *

Are you concerned about lorries using unauthorised routes, perhaps through Charlwood Village? UKOG have stated they have no intention of penalising lorry drivers who use unofficial routes. Should a route restriction be a condition, limiting access roads to Horsehill and the A217?

Are you a cyclist, horse rider or pedestrian? Section 2.18 of the Transport Statement, non-motorised transport, does not mention horses (even though there is a stables next door to the site); it dismisses pedestrians as there is no pavement and ignores cycle traffic, stating there are no cycle ways in the vicinity, despite the fact that Horsehill is part of the Surrey Cycle Way and can carry hundreds of cycles in any one day. Is the Transport Survey wholly inadequate, not fit for purpose and needs to be re-written? The Minerals Plan recognises risks to these users.

Are you concerned about the condition of our roads? In some US States where oil production has been underway, the taxable income of the oil produced was only a fraction of the cost of the additional road maintenance.

Are you concerned about climate change? The application is incompatible with the need for developments to tackle climate change and the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels. It is incompatible with the Paris Climate Agreement.

Are you concerned about the development of our countryside for very minor output? The application is not in the public interest as any oil produced would be a tiny contribution to overall UK oil use, around 0.1%**

Is more oil needed? It is estimated that by 2018 the cost of owning an electric car will be in line with that of a hydrocarbon fuelled car. The London Mayor is currently considering banning all diesel cars from Central London. Should we be focusing on alternatives and this development is unnecessary?

Are you concerned about pollution of our land and groundwater? Should it be a condition of any approval that there should be baseline and ongoing monthly monitoring of ground, water and air quality for the next 50 years to check for underground leakage of acids and other chemical well treatments, and substances flushed out from the rocks? Should this monitoring be carried out by independent bodies?

Are you concerned about conservation of our native endangered species? The endangered species report suggests relocating an established colony of Great Crested Newts. The current habitat will be lost. Most relocations of this type suffer colony collapse after about three years.

Are you concerned about the countryside? Would there be unacceptable adverse impacts to our natural environment, loss of habitat for the current populations of protected species: Great Crested Newt, Bechstein's Bat and slow worm?

Are you concerned about the chemicals that may be used? Should SCC see a full list of all chemicals planned to be used in order to come to a fully informed opinion?

Are you concerned about light pollution? Horsehill is relatively free from light pollution, the road itself is unlit. Will this impact the bats who currently live in the woods? Should working hours at site be restricted to daylight hours?

Are you concerned about well failure and leakage in to the surroundings? Who will be responsible for the clean-up, should a well fail and pollute the surroundings? Up to 52% of wells sunk in the past 100 years were drilled by companies no longer in existence. How can SCC guarantee the protection of our water sources? The Minerals Plan states pollution of ground and surface water should be prevented

Are you concerned about horizontal drilling and the known geological fault in the proximity? How can safety be guaranteed when it is based on historic 2D and core sample assessments?

Are you concerned about the use of acidisation? Is there inadequate understanding of this activity to allow it to go ahead so close to people's homes and grazing land?

Are you concerned about damage / loss of value to your home? Should the applicant be required to put an insurance policy in place?

Are you concerned about the Green Belt? The site no longer resembles green belt land. It is more like a builder's tip. Is this contrary to the Minerals Plan which recommends a Precautionary Principal approach? Can this project really be termed 'sustainable development'?

Are you concerned about historic woodland? The application plans to remove a further 26 trees and a significant area of bluebell wood, to widen the access track and allow simultaneous entry and exit by HGVs. Would there be unacceptable adverse impacts to our natural environment?

Are you concerned about preservation of public footpaths? The footpath running past the site was moved in to the hedge line and fenced in and is now impassable, reducing public amenity and the only off-road access from Hookwood / Horley to The Fox Revived.

Are you concerned about loss of environment? How will the land be returned to its former condition after drilling? Will the company remove all the potentially contaminated soil from site and replace with new top soil?

*based on applicant Transport Statement data

*reported stabilised output from upper kimmeridge: 900 barrels per day, UK consumption 1 510 000 barrels per day