



MO09/0110 amended/amplified by Email from Barton Willmore dated 3 April 2009 giving a table of anticipated traffic generation; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 13 August 2009 enclosing Regulation 19 submission; Regulation 19 Submission dated November 2009; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 10 December 2009; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 18 February 2010 enclosing photographs and details of the obstacle lamp; Email from Barton Willmore dated 23 February 2010 correcting information given in the letter of 18 February 2010 in relation to Holding Capacity; letter dated 24 March 2010 clarifying public access around the drillsite compound; Letter dated 25 March 2010 and Lighting Location Plan and Spill Light Islolux Contour Plan Drawing 0277-1300-001 Rev A dated July 2009 sent under separate cover from WSP; Email from Richard Elliot Associates dated 29 March 2010 enclosing details of the Bekaert CEB units; Letter dated 13 April 2010 and the enclosed plans Figure 1.6 Revision A and Figure 5.3 Revision B and Figure 5.9 Revision A; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 21 October 2010 enclosing copies of revised Chapters 7, 11 and Appendix 11; Letter from Barton Willmore received on 25 November 2010 enclosing Supplementary Ecological Information November 2010; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 13 January 2011 enclosing Acoustic Associates Flaring and Drilling Noise Report No AAL/BS 10052 dated 24 June 2010 and revised Chapter 11 and Appendix 11.0; Letter from Barton Willmore dated 1 March 2011 enclosing further ecological information; Coldharbour Lane Count-on-us Traffic Survey 30 June to 6 July 2010 received on 4 March 2011; Figure 5.10 Rev B dated October 2009; Email from Richard Elliot dated 12 April 2011 enclosing revised Traffic Management Cards for Controllers.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AS COUNTY PLANNING AUTHORITY HAVING TAKEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AS DEFINED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 INTO CONSIDERATION DO HEREBY **REFUSE** PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPLORATORY DRILLSITE TO INCLUDE PLANT, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT; THE USE OF THE DRILLSITE FOR THE DRILLING OF ONE EXPLORATORY BOREHOLE AND THE SUBSEQUENT SHORT TERM TESTING FOR HYDROCARBONS; THE ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING AND THE CARRYING OUT OF ASSOCIATED WORKS TO AN EXISTING ACCESS AND TRACK ALL ON SOME 0.79HA, FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF UP TO 3 YEARS, WITH RESTORATION TO FORESTRY.

AT BURY HILL WOOD, OFF COLDHARBOUR LANE, HOLMWOOD

FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 1 The proposed exploratory drilling development will have a significant adverse impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in the setting of Leith Hill which cannot be

mitigated and where exceptional circumstances including the public interest have not been demonstrated to justify the grant of planning permission. The proposal is therefore contrary to Government Planning Policy as set out in Minerals Policy Statement 1 (Planning and Minerals) November 2006 and Planning Policy Statement 7 (Sustainable Development in Rural Areas) August 2004, The South East Plan May 2009 Policy C3 (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty); the Surrey Minerals Plan 1993 Policy 1 (Environmental and Amenity Protection) and the Mole Valley Local Development Framework Core Strategy 2009 Policy CS13 (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Area of Great Landscape Value).

- 2 There is insufficient evidence to demonstrate why the proposed exploratory drilling development cannot be located beyond the boundary of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) designation. The proposal is therefore contrary to Government Planning Policy as set out in Minerals Policy Statement 1 (Planning and Minerals) November 2006 and Planning Policy Statement 7 (Sustainable Development in Rural Areas) August 2004 and Surrey Minerals Local Plan 1993 Policy 15 (Environmental & Ecological Impact of Hydrocarbon Development).
- 3 It has not been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County Planning Authority that the proposed traffic management measures are adequate to protect the character of Coldharbour Lane; where the nature of the traffic activity would have the potential to irreversibly damage the historic banks and trees and lead to the industrialisation of the character of a quiet rural road; or adequate to protect the amenity of highway users and residents in Knoll Road, Coldharbour Lane and the broader vicinity; contrary to the Mole Valley Local Plan 2000 Policy MOV2 (The Movement Implications of Development) and Surrey Minerals Local Plan 1993 Policy 1 (Environmental and Amenity Protection).

DATE 30 June 2011

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Third Party Rights

Anyone seeking to challenge the lawfulness of this decision may make an application to the High Court for permission to bring a claim for judicial review. You should seek legal advice promptly if you wish to challenge this decision.