Hampshire County Council

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

To: Star Energy Weald Basin Ltd
Humbly Grove Oil Field
Weston Common
The Avenue
Lasham
GU34 5SY

Application No: **11/01156/CMA**

HCC Ref: HR073

Date of Application: 24 May 2011

Hampshire County Council, as Mineral Planning Authority, **grants permission** for the following development in respect of the plans and particulars and subject to the attached schedule of 23 conditions:

Development: **Modifications to the existing site layout from planning permission HDC11399 and the installation of new pipework, additional pipework manifold, separator, vent, GRP cabinet and instrument air package**

Site address: **Humbly Grove X Wellsite, New Odiham Road (B3349) Hants**

Plans and particulars: **Location Plan, 31-L-DG-5001RevA1, 31-L-DG-5002RevA1, 31-L-DG-5003RevA1, 31-L-DG-5004RevA2**

Reason for Approval

It is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the development plan (summary attached) as it is ancillary to the operation of the oilfield (DC22) would not materially harm the character of the area (DC3) and would be acceptable in terms of highway safety and convenience (DC6).

All enquiries should be referred to the Economy, Transport & Environment Department,
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on behalf of
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20 July 2011

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Commencement

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

   Reason: To comply with Section 91(as amended) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Timescale

2. All plant, buildings, structures, hardstandings and haul roads hereby approved (excluding pipelines) shall be removed at the end of the life of the oilfield, or by 30 September 2025, whichever is the sooner.

   Reason: To ensure the restoration of the site

3. Prior to the drilling of any new wells, full details of the drilling operation shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority. The total number of new wells to be drilled over the entire oilfield shall not exceed 59 and the total number of wells to be drilled at any wellsite shall not exceed 12.

   Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

Restriction of Permitted Development Rights

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Parts 19 and 21 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order) no fixed plant or machinery, buildings, structures and erections or private ways shall be erected, extended, installed or replaced at the oilfield complex without the prior written agreement of the Waste Planning Authority.

   Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in a satisfactory manner.

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Hours of Working

5. Construction work, pipeline laying and work overs shall only take place between the hours of 0700 and 1800 Monday to Friday (except recognised public holidays) and between 0700 and 1300 on Saturday.

   Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

Highways

6. All access roads provided as part of this development shall be maintained to the approved standard throughout the life of the development.

   Reason: In the interests of local amenity

7. Notices shall be placed at all points where pipeline works and haul roads cross public rights of way in order to alert riders, walkers and drivers.

   Reason: In the interests of safety to the public.

8. There shall be no transport of oil by road tanker except as may be required for the short term testing of new wells. The duration of short term tests shall be agreed in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority.

   Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

9. Lines of sight of 4.5 metres by 225 metres shall be maintained at the access of the wellsite to the B3349 (New Odiham Road) throughout the life of the development.

   Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

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10. For the duration of the development measures shall be taken to clean vehicles leaving the site to prevent mud and spoil from being deposited on the public highway. These measures shall be implemented before construction commences and shall be maintained throughout the construction period. No vehicle shall leave the site unless its wheels have been cleaned sufficiently to prevent mud and spoil being carried on to the public highway.

    Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

11. Details of the provision to be made for the parking and turning on site of operatives and construction vehicles during the contract period shall be submitted to and approved by the Mineral Planning Authority in writing and fully implemented before development commences. Such measures shall be retained for the duration of the development.

    Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

Materials

12. All existing or proposed plant, structures and buildings shall be maintained clad and/or painted in accordance with the details specified in Appendix C of the approved details. Notwithstanding the details contained in Appendix C, all areas surrounding the equipment bases at well sites shall be finished in cement grout coloured dark grey.

    Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

13. All pumping equipment (including beam pumps) shall not exceed four metres in height (the height of any beam pumps being measured to the beam pivot) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority.

    Reason: In the interests of visual amenity

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Protection of Water Environment

14. All outlets from the oil interceptors, to be installed as part of each sites drainage system, shall be fitted with shut-off valves capable of closing the site drainage system in the event of a major oil spillage.

    Reason: To prevent pollution to the water environment.

15. Any facilities for the storage of oils, fuels or chemicals shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The bund capacity shall give 110% of the total volume for single and hydraulically linked tanks. If there is multiple tankage, the bund capacity shall be 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total capacity of all tanks, whichever is the greatest. All filling points, vents, gauges and sight glasses and overflow pipes shall be located within the bund. There shall be no outlet connecting the bund to any drain, sewer or watercourse or discharging onto the ground. Associated pipework shall be located above ground where possible and protected from accidental damage.

    Reason: To prevent pollution of the water environment.

16. All oil interceptors shall be monitored and maintained to ensure that any contaminated water is retained on site for collection and removal by suction tanker.

    Reason: To prevent pollution to the water environment.

Noise, Dust and Odour

17. Noise levels arising from drilling and work over operations shall not exceed 40dB(A)L10 between 0700 and 2200 hours and 35dB(A)L90 between 2200 and 0700 hours, when measured outside the nearest dwelling throughout the life of the development.

    Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

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18. No drilling can take place at Humbly Grove X wellsite between 1st June and 30th September in any year.

    Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

19. No drilling shall take place between 1 October and 31 May in any year unless it is demonstrated that noise from drilling would not exceed the noise standard in condition (17). In the event that the Mineral Planning Authority accepts that the noise standard can be met, all drilling must be undertaken only by the drilling rig (fitted with acoustic screens as necessary) which the Mineral Planning Authority has accepted as capable of meeting the required noise standard.

    Reason: In the interests of local amenity.

20. Any temporary incineration of gas shall only take place using flare stacks designed and constructed in accordance with details to be agreed beforehand in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority.

    Reason: In the interests of local amenity

Lighting

21. All external lighting at the wellsite shall be installed and maintained to minimise intrusion when viewed from public vantage points and nearby dwellings.

    Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to prevent light pollution.

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Restoration

22. Within 12 months of the removal of the plant, buildings, structures, hardstandings and haul roads, as required under condition (5), all sites and haul roads shall be restored in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to the Mineral Planning Authority for approval in writing. The scheme shall provide for the removal of all hardcore and concrete structures (including foundations), the replacement of topsoil and the preparation and draining of the reinstated land to a state suitable for forestry/agricultural use. The restoration scheme shall be implemented as approved and also include the submission of aftercare details for the restored areas for a period of five years following the completion of restoration.

    Reason: To secure the satisfactory restoration of the site.

23. On restoration of the oilfield under the terms of Condition (21), the oilfield pipelines shall be cut off below ground level, purged, sealed and left in a safe condition in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and agreed with the Mineral Planning Authority.

    Reason: To prevent pollution to the water environment.

Notes to Applicant

1. This decision does not purport or convey any approval or consent which may be required under the Building Regulations or any other Acts, including Byelaws, orders or Regulations made under such acts.