Hampshire County Council

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

'SCREENING OPINION' (REG: 5 &7)

Proposal **Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 08/53384/002 (extend the development from the permitted 36 months to 60 months)**
at: **Havant Exploration Site, Off Hulbert Road, Leigh Park, Havant**

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Refer to footnote before assessing proposal

Is the development listed in Schedule 1? **No**

Is the development listed in Schedule 2? **Yes**

13 Changes and extensions

(b) Any change to or extension of development of a description listed in paragraphs 1 to 12 of column 1 of this table, where that development is already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed.	Either— (i) The development as changed or extended may have significant adverse effects on the environment; or (ii) in relation to development of a description mentioned in column 1 of this table, the thresholds and criteria in the corresponding part of column 2 of this table applied to the change or extension are met or exceeded.

2 Extractive industry

(e) Surface industrial installations for the extraction of coal, petroleum, natural gas and ores, as well as bituminous shale.	The area of the development exceeds 0.5 hectare.

Is the development likely to have significant effects on the environment? **No**

The application is for an extension of time only for a further period of two years for the construction of a hydrocarbon exploration well. Soil stripping of the application site and construction of the site access took place in 2009, with the main site construction taking place in 2010. The site has been gated and locked since, pending commencement of drilling operations.

The application site occupies an area of 1.25 ha of Grade 4 Agricultural land previously used for grazing and hay making. The site is flanked immediately to the west and east by

the A3(M) and B2150 (Hulbert Road) respectively which both run from north-south. Access to the site is by haul road off of the B2150 (Hulbert Road).

Neville's Park West Wood and Hulbert Road Meadow Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) abut the site to the north and south respectively. The Neville's Park West Wood designation also extends to the east of the site beyond Hulbert Road at a distance of 75m. To the west of the site beyond the A3(M) and at a distance of 50m is the Meadow adjacent to Johnston's Copse (SINC).

The development, whilst above the threshold of 0.5 ha listed in Part 2(e) of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations 2011, is well below the recommended size of development likely to require EIA under paragraph A10 of Annex A of Circular 02/99 (site of 10 hectares or more).

As the original proposal was not considered to constitute an EIA project, and there are no operational or physical changes to the existing development proposed, this application for an extension of time is not expected to have significant effects on the environment.

The proposed development **is not** an **EIA development** under the ***Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011*** as it is not located within a sensitive area as defined by the EIA Regulations; and is unlikely by nature of the type, scale and location of the proposal to cause any significant environmental effects.

Director of Economy, Transport & Environment
Date 30 October, 2012

Note: An EIA development must ***either****:* *be within Schedule 1* ***or****;* *be within Schedule 2 within a 'sensitive area'* ***and/or*** *above thresholds/criteria* ***and/or*** *'likely to have significant environmental effects'.*