



Strategic and Technical Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2025
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum 6)

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5.	P/VOC/2023/02762 - WADDOCK CROSS, WELLSITE WADDOCK CROSS, AFFPUDDLE, DORCHESTER, DT2 8QY	3 - 4
	Retention of an existing well site for 10 years for oil production from the existing boreholes, Waddock Cross - 2 and Waddock Cross - 3, drilling of a sidetrack well, Waddock Cross - 4, and drilling of two boreholes, Waddock Cross - 5 and Waddock Cross - 6 for the appraisal and production of oil (Variation of condition 2 (Temporary Time Limit) and 3 (Restoration) of 6/2013/0001 in order to retain the wellsite for a further ten years).	

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Planning Committee – Update Sheet

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P/VOC/2023/02762	Waddock Cross Wellsite Waddock Cross Affpuddle Dorchester DT2 8QY	Item 5	p. 3 - 39
<u>Planning Conditions</u> The following conditions have been amended for updated details to be received prior to recommencement of operations on the site: 8. Lichen Monitoring Prior to any operations recommencing on the site, a programme for the undertaking of a survey every two years to monitor and record the condition of the lichens on the trees on the edge of the woodland to the south and east of the application site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Minerals Planning Authority. The first survey shall be scheduled to be undertaken prior to any re-commencement of operations on the site and the last survey shall be programmed to take place one year after the restoration of the site. A copy of the results of each survey shall be submitted to the Minerals Planning Authority. Reason: To ensure the development does not have any adverse impact on the ecological value of the adjoining nature conservation site in accordance with Policies HY1, HY2, DM1 and DM5 of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014). 14. Site Containment / Pollution Safeguards Prior to any operations recommencing on the site, a scheme detailing contingency measures for dealing with pollution control in the event of any emergency arising, including the pollution of the aquifer, and details of on-site fire fighting operations shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Mineral Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme. Reason: To prevent pollution in accordance with Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Minerals Strategy (2014). 18. Pollution Safeguards Prior to any operations recommencing on the site, a scheme detailing how any oil spilt within the bunded area shall be removed from the site and disposed of shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Mineral Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme. Reason: To prevent pollution in accordance with Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Minerals Strategy (2014).			

Two additional conditions are also proposed:

28. Notification of Cessation of Operations

Within one month of Permanent Cessation of Site Operations occurring, the operator shall notify the Mineral Planning Authority in writing of the date when Permanent Cessation of Site Operations occurred.

Reason:

To safeguard the long term use of the land having regard to the environmental interests of the locality in accordance with Policy RS1 of the Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Minerals Strategy (2014).

29. Early Cessation

In the event of the cessation of hydrocarbon production hereby permitted prior to the completion of the approved scheme of working which in the opinion of the Mineral Planning Authority constitutes a permanent cessation within the terms of paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, within 3 months of that cessation, a scheme for the restoration of the site, including any capping/plugging and decommissioning details and timescales for the work to be undertaken, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Mineral Planning Authority. The approved decommissioning and restoration schemes shall be fully implemented in accordance with any approved details and timetables.

Permanent Cessation of Site Operations means the cessation of:

- i) extraction of hydrocarbons;
- ii) processing of hydrocarbons;
- iii) injection of fluids or waste;
- iv) pumping operations
- v) office use in support of the oilfield use; and
- vi) drilling operations

at the site for a period of more than two years. For the avoidance of doubt any operations or uses ancillary or incidental to those set out in this definition shall not be taken into account when determining whether that use or operation has ceased.

Reason:

To safeguard the long term use of the land having regard to the environmental interests of the locality in accordance with Policy RS1 of the Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Minerals Strategy (2014).