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By email: [REDACTED]

Your ref:  
Our ref: Legal/11644/NS/bmcp

28 April 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Angus Energy PLC – Brockham Oil Field**

Further to my earlier email today I am instructed to write to you in relation to your letter to my client Mr Alan Stones of 28 April.

The County Council is seeking advice from Queen's Counsel in relation to the situation at Brockham and we currently await that advice. In the meantime I would ask you to note that the County Council does not accept the position that you have set out in your letter of 3 April and does not agree with the conclusions that you have reached.

In his email of 5 April my client quite properly explained that further advice was being sought. You have no justification to make any assumptions as to the County's position.

When we receive the legal advice that we have requested we will be writing to you again. I underline however that we do not accept that the current legal position is as set out in your letter or your previous letter. As to public statements or other documents the County's only public statement reflected their entirely justifiable concerns that planning officers' careful advice had been blatantly disregarded. Your threat of legal action against the County Planning Authority is noted.

Yours sincerely

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