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Dear Duarte,

**Lower Stumble, Balcombe – drill rig delivery**

I am writing to let you know that Cuadrilla will be delivering its drill rig to the Balcombe site from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. It is envisaged that the delivery and erection of the rig and associated components will take approximately four days.

It is important to point out that Cuadrilla's forthcoming activity at Balcombe is for exploratory drilling only, and will not include hydraulic fracturing or 'fracing.' To date, the activity at Lower Stumble has been preparatory and last month, a water monitoring well was drilled that will monitor the groundwater quality of the Ashdown Beds before, during and after operations. The drilling of the monitoring well is an additional and voluntary environmental monitoring measure on Cuadrilla's part, the results of which will be shared with the Environment Agency (EA) and made public.

Cuadrilla's activities at Balcombe are regulated by the EA, Health and Safety Executive (HSE), West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). In addition to monitoring by the EA and the HSE, Cuadrilla has appointed a specialist environmental consultancy, Ground Gas Solutions (GGS), to carry out air quality baseline monitoring for the duration of the work. The results of this monitoring will be shared with the EA and Balcombe Parish Council.

Cuadrilla, and its associated contractors, have undertaken to drive through Balcombe village at no more than 20mph. HGV vehicles that are destined for the site will also drive at a maximum speed of 40mph on the B2036 north of the village between The Cowdray pub and the start of the 30 mph limit on Church Hill.

Cuadrilla has designed this operation to ensure disruption to residents is kept to an absolute minimum during this brief period. We will continue to keep Balcombe Parish Council and our website [www.cuadrillaresources.com/balcombe](http://www.cuadrillaresources.com/balcombe) updated on the activity.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our designated community line on 0800 0086 766 or email [enquiries@cuadrillaresources.com](mailto:enquiries@cuadrillaresources.com)

Yours sincerely,

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