Application number	WSCC/004/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
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I would like to object to this planning application on the following grounds:

- The applicant has not provided sufficient evidence to show that the site is currently a significant risk to people or the environment:
 - Talk of animal maiming is not independently verifiable. Friends of mine kept animals on the land recently. Their animals were fine and they heard nothing from the owner about present or previous animal maimings.
 - The photographs presented do not show the land looking particularly dangerous to animals.
 - The owner runs the site as a campsite so presumably believes the site is safe for humans.
 - The hydrology report states it is not complete. It does not compare the toxins it found to how much toxins are generally found in streams. Just says it doesn't meet national standards. It does not predict what future outcomes of leaving the site alone are likely to be.
- The transport plan as presented presents a grave risk of accidents and injury to drivers and pedestrians:
 - There is no risk assessment of how 35 HGVs a day going through East Grinstead town centre is going to affect pedestrian safety.
 - Dunnings Road has lots of parked cars and pedestrians and people going to schools etc. It is clearly not suitable for this amount of HGV traffic.
 - West Hoathly Raod is narrow and dangerous for pedestrians (who do use it) as it is.
 This will only make it worse.
 - No assessment has been made of the effect on Standen House traffic and users of the Public Footpath which the HGVs will be exiting on.
 - It will be very dangerous to have a bus stop just where HGVs are turning left.
 - The right hand turn at St Hill Green is virtually blind and is already very dangerous.
 There is a high chance of accidents with the HGVs.
 - O ST Hill Road has lots of pedestrians and they will be in increased danger.
 - Presumably the HGVs will access the A22 by Imberhorne lane so will go past the school.
 - The idea of keeping deliveries between 9.30 and 3.30 won't cover all school children movements and cannot be enforced anyway if HGVs are delayed etc.
- The effect on the environment /users of the area and neighbours is seriously downplayed:
 - There is no assessment of the risk of increasing contamination by disturbing the site to lay the cap.
 - Wildlife such as the badger set in the adjacent woodland is bound to be affected despite what it says in the application.
 - Noise and dust pollution are bound to be significant. Working by the care home for only 8 weeks a year is not going to significantly mitigate this.

- Traffic pollution will increase in the town due to the HGV journeys (increasing pollution is against the Town Plan).
- Standen visitors, walkers and other users of the AONB are bound to have their experience of the are tarnished by the noise and traffic caused by the operartion.
- The benefits of this capping are clearly and seriously outweighed by the risks to the community of the capping operation.