

# Comment for planning application WSCC/004/20

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| Type of Comment    | <input type="text" value="Objection"/>  |
| Comments           | <p>Objections to Landfill I am writing to object to the proposals to cap the landfill site at Evergreen Farm, East Grinstead, the reasons are set out below. Noise One of the key elements of what makes the area special is the lack of noise - this is rare in this part of the county, and to have the number of lorries proposed coming to and from site every day, plus the machinery that is actually on site for over 80 weeks will significantly impact this. Lorries The sheer number of lorries as well as the size will have a major impact on the local area. It is often the case that vehicles have to reverse quite a distance in the narrow lanes around Evergreen Farm, even if just two vans meet. The Number 84 bus comes along this road and can often be delayed with traffic at levels we currently experience, let alone with the proposed increase. There is also bound to be damage to verges and wildlife by vehicles trying to pass each other where the tarmac is not wide enough, which will also spoil the look of the area Impact on Standen I live and work at Standen, the National Trust property adjacent to this site and have major concerns about how this will impact the property, potentially dissuading visitors from coming which could in turn reduce our ability to conserve this nationally important place and also put jobs at risk if the application goes ahead. People walking &amp; cycling The lorries plus the knowledge that they may be coming through will dissuade people from walking or cycling along West Hoathly Road - the trucks themselves would pose a real danger, but at a time when we should be encouraging these modes of transport, this would be a retrograde step. I know several of the volunteers at Standen travel by bike, and have said they would no longer come if the application is granted and the lorries start coming through. Pollution Has any assessment been made on the current level of pollution at the site as opposed to the amount of pollution caused by all the lorry movements plus the on site machinery and the dust produced? Surely at a time of major concerns about the climate crisis, we should not be allowing this many vehicle movements. Quality of Soil What restrictions are there on the soil being imported with regard to its origins and quality? Is it of a suitable type for the habitat of the High Weald Forest Ridge, will it be guaranteed free of contaminants, including chemicals and also invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed? In conclusion I can't see how the work proposed is of a scale suitable to the problems outlined. It seems to be a vast overreaction to a situation that could be solved by bunding the contaminated runoff and pumping it away to be treated, which would have far less impact on the people, countryside and wildlife of this very special area.</p> |
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