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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

Having just looked through the various newly updated Transport and Access documents I am finding it difficult to agree with the idea that, given the size and proposed number of HGV vehicles, that any of the roads surrounding the Evergreen Farm site are at all suitable for this proposal. I can immediately think of several locations to highlight: outside Imberhorne School, the recently installed traffic calming measures on Imberhorne Lane, the bridge over the Worth Way, the bridge over the Bluebell Railway, the junction of the B2110, Imberhorne Lane and Saint Hill Road, Saint Hill Road itself, the junction at the end of Saint Hill Road, and the narrow section of road cut into the hillside outside of the entrance to Standen. Whilst a technical analysis might show that all these areas are suitable for 32 tonne HGVs to pass every 19 minutes, in reality each of these highlighted areas is entirely inappropriate for this size and volume of traffic. I realise that I am not a qualified Traffic Engineer, though it does not require a professional qualification to see that these roads are entirely inappropriate for this type of traffic. I suppose I am fortunate in that I don't have to use these roads very frequently (other than to go to the East Grinstead Amenity tip), though I can see that for people who reside on these roads, or the users of the various Sports Clubs (which includes a lot of young children) that the impact of vehicle noise and fumes, the general congestion, and the inevitable increased risk of accidents make the benefits of this whole proposal difficult to understand or visualise. In fact, I don't think I saw any real assessment of these environmental, health and safety impacts in this proposal. (I found the analysis of historic crash incidents to be quite meaningless since these all took place without the proposed volume of HGV traffic and so are really unrelated to what this whole proposal is seeking to achieve).

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