

# Comment for planning application WSCC/004/20

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/004/20"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Gay Spershott"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="STOCKWELL ROAD, 42, STOCKWELL ROAD, EAST GRINSTEAD, RH19 4AU"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Access of 32 tonne lorries to this site via the proposed route is completely untenable. West Hoathly Road is a narrow, winding lane which is simply not wide enough to allow a car and truck to pass safely let alone two trucks, which would happen frequently with the proposed schedule. There are no verges, only steep banks or natural rock walls so there is nowhere to take evasive action on meeting oncoming traffic. In addition to local traffic, the road is often used by pedestrians and cyclists as well as visitors to the Standen National Trust estate and has many blind corners. Likewise, Saint Hill Road is a similarly narrow road with stretches where it is impossible for a car and truck to pass. It is a busy road used by a large number of users of the rugby club, sports club, Saint Hill Estate and local residents, many on foot with no pavable pavements. The crossroads where the Turners Hill Road (B2110), Imberhorne Lane and Saint Hill Road meet is another area of concern. This is another area where there is limited vision with traffic moving in all four directions. Add slow moving trucks pulling out of the junction to cross the Turners Hill Road in both directions and it is a recipe for disaster. Imberhorne Lane is a busy road with a large residential area, a park and a secondary school. There are nearly always vehicles parked near to the school and the park reducing the road width to one lane and 'pinch points' have recently been introduced further up the road. There are also the two bridges in Imberhorne Lane - one crossing the Worth Way (where the road is also reduced to single width) and the other crossing the Bluebell Railway. Neither of these structures was designed to take the volume or weight of traffic this project will generate and it is likely to have disastrous consequences for these two elderly bridges with a knock-on detrimental effect on the Bluebell Railway, an important tourist attraction for the town. The A22 at Felbridge is always a bottleneck for traffic and the pressure put on this junction by the additional vehicles will cause further delays to local residents and visitors alike. I understand the project is scheduled to last a MINIMUM of 2 years with approximately 62 journeys daily being made six days a week. The damage caused to the infrastructure of our roads will be immense and the likelihood of a serious traffic accident with such large lorries travelling on these minor roads and in areas populated with children, must be a major concern. Finally, the increase in pollution due to fumes from the trucks could affect the health of everyone living along the proposed route. Based on the above, I strongly object to planning permission being granted to this application.</p>
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