

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>This application is wrong on many levels. The 2 most serious issues facing the world are global warming and mental health.</p> <p>Deforestation is partially responsible for Global Warming and the extreme weather that we are now witnessing. The Forestry Commission is committed to safeguarding our existing woodland and planting more woodland. If it can't protect the woodland that we have what use is it? Our plants and animals live as part of a complex ecological network that is not fully understood by anyone. When we mess about with the natural world we are never aware of the consequences of our actions.</p> <p>By destroying the woodland, extracting clay and filling the ground with waste which might be more or less toxic there is every chance that the ground water will become contaminated. During flooding, it will flow downhill into tributaries of the river Arun and into the Wey and Arun canal. The canal is a delicate ecosystem. Because it does not flow, any toxins will stay in the canal and poison anything that drinks from it. Recently, a kingfisher flew along the canal in front of me fishing as it went and perching in the trees. it was amazingly beautiful. It makes me sad to think what the impact of this proposal will probably be.</p> <p>It is clear from Loxwood Clay Pits talk of a community fishing pond that they know very little about the natural world. Water in a pond is contained by the clay that lines the pond. Once they have finished their proposed works there will not be any clay left, just meters of builders waste that will be more or less contaminated. The water will not stay in the 'pond' unless they use a pond liner, hardly appropriate in the country and just more waste. To talk of growing trees on 10 meters of waste is rubbish. Trees need good soil and subsoil to thrive just as there is at the moment. The woodland is special. It should be treated with respect and cherished. It is the lifeblood of the people that use it. We use it for recreation but it is a vital requirement for our mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The proposed access routes are rich in plant and animal life. There are many species indicative of Ancient Woodland that will be destroyed and have not been considered in the proposal. Initially the access track will be single lane, but if the proposal is allowed to go ahead, it will almost certainly be made dual lane so that HGV lorries do not have to wait on the road. The proposed site will also be increased in size as it is not large enough to satisfy the number of lorry movements that they have specified for 30 plus years.</p> <p>The noise of a concrete grinding machine from upwind of me for the rest of my life makes me imagine Hell and the gnashing of teeth.</p> <p>The woodland is crossed by many paths that have been used for generations. It is part of the cultural landscape that outsiders could not understand. Walkers, cyclists and people riding their horses would no longer be able to do so in safety. The entrance to the woods from the Loxwood Road is the start of a bridleway. If you allow the proposal to go ahead there will probably be fatalities caused directly or indirectly by the 'HGV movements'. You will be responsible for those 'accidents' if you allow this proposal to go ahead. Loxwood Clay Pits have stated that it is safe for HGVs to pass 'at speed' on the Loxwood Road. As a car driver, I find it frightening when a HGV is approaching me on that road. You only need to add a cyclist on one side of the road and a horse on the other at a time when the HGVs are passing at speed to have a fatal or life changing accident.</p> <p>However many pages of statistics and reports are submitted will not mitigate the harm that this proposal will do. Please do not be bamboozled by pages of statistics when it is clear to us all that this proposal should be stopped once and for all. We need to look after our planet not the pockets of the few.</p>
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