Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name Address WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment

Comments

Objection

Planning should not be allowed for the following reasons:

The surrounding roads cannot sustain the additional heavy goods lorries.

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The roads are narrow, not built to cope with the required amount of HGV's and HGV lorries already pose a significant and frequent threat to pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and horse drawn carriages who have used these roads for many decades. Public right of way routes will be transgressed daily and pose serious risk to public safety.

The proposed development does not conform to local development plans.

The area is an important wildlife sanctuary for many species including the Hoopoe, Warblers red kite, cormorants and many more. The noise and pollution will be affecting humans and wildlife far beyond the site.

This is a greenfield site. U.K. policy directly prevents waste sites on brownfield sites.

The site is surrounded and crossed by public footpaths and bridle paths. Local residents have had unencumbered use and enjoyment of the site for decades. It is one of the few natural recreational areas left.

The recreational use have been especially important during the pandemic and will continue to be a necessary retreat as working from home becomes more widespread.

The site is not suitable for use for future land fill. Geochemical anomalies of clay pits areas have been proven to cause metabolic imbalance in livestock and contaminated areas are unfit for any use. Clay extraction has enormous and consequently effect on the natural environment including ecological and agricultural imbalances and erosion, silting of local rivers and lakes, deforestation, clay dust pollution causing ancient ecosystems to collapse.

The Council must recognise they have a duty to protect and conserve wildlife habitat and to serve the needs and wishes of the local residents.

There is no need for additional brick works and there is no immediate or future need for additional clay.

The developers, Protreat Ltd. Is not a local business but based in Newport, and any financial benefit from taxes will not benefit local government.

However, local government and taxpayers will be adversely affected by the likely substantial road repair costs. This at a time when many locals and local businesses are having to cope with the financial implications of the pandemic.

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