

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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| Application number | <input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>   |
| Name               | <input type="text" value="Guy Carey"/>   |
| Address            | <input type="text" value="Cherry Villa, HIGH STREET, LOXWOOD"/>  |
| Type of Comment    | <input type="text" value="Objection"/>   |
| Comments           | <p>Firstly, The proposed operation does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. This application is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area.</p> <p>This location is remote and tranquil - there is currently very low background noise. Lighting will be required in the recycling and waste management building as well as the office building, car park. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none. This will change the environment for the local wildlife, as well as be intrusive for the local community.</p> <p>The proposed operation would have a severe impact upon the enjoyment of these walking routes for all users.</p> <p>Diesel generators, creating pollutants and noise will be required for onsite power for an unspecified period of time.</p> <p>Bird song would be replaced by highly intrusive noise from tracked vehicles and excavators, numerous British birds are facing extinction due to insensitive development of their environments - I believe this will contribute to loss of significant numbers of birds as well as other animals that currently live this this area.</p> <p>HGV movements, skip lorries and the wheel wash facility will create significant noise disturbance. This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would further exacerbate this.</p> <p>Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled. I believe that these trees should be retained in order to protect the wildlife.</p> <p>Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priority species). For example, the Barbastelle Bat is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.</p> <p>The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; removal of tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor.</p> <p>Greener environments are associated with better mental health and wellbeing outcomes, including reduced levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue, and enhanced quality of life for both children and adults having been proven as such during the pandemic in recent times.</p> <p>The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, there is an active sett within close proximity of the lay-by, parking and wheel wash area that was not referenced in the application.</p> <p>The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sited (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland which will be lost forever if this proposal was to be accepted.</p> <p>The proposed operation does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community - in fact I believe that this will only negatively impact the local community in terms of loss of beautiful rural space, damage and loss of wildlife and increased noise, light and traffic pollution.</p> <p>There will be significant light, noise, and dust pollution from wheel wash and staff car parking. There will be conflict between the private vehicles and HGV's queuing, entering, and leaving the proposed site which will create a further severe road safety risk, in an area where there are families, animals and cyclists who would be at further risk.</p> <p>Despite the proposed wheel washing facilities, there remains a significant potential for mud contamination on the surrounding roads. The applicant has not specified a centrifugal wheel cleaner which required at Rudgwick</p> |

Brickworks- this type of wheel cleaner would generate further significant noise causing disturbance and noise pollution, as well as scaring birds and local wildlife.

I do not believe that the proposed site access arrangements are safe and suitable as claimed and represent a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians.

There remains a risk of impact on highway safety and residential amenity through Loxwood village unless a

routing agreement is secured, adhered to and properly policed. I am extremely concerned that this is not possible to police and will therefore become dangerous and unmanaged.

There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted

width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most of its length.

There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at

Bucks Green.

There are a number of beautiful historic buildings and there is the likelihood of damage to Listed Buildings with increased HGV traffic along the proposed route.

furthermore, With reference to the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report, there is no demand for additional brickmaking

clay. WSCC have more than 25 years of reserves. therefore it seems obvious that both nationally and locally clay requirements are met.

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