

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this planning application, for the following reasons:-Suitability of Use for the Area- This location is quiet, remote & tranquil. There is no light pollution here, this will be required for this project. The project will seriously affect the ability of people to walk through the area, with the impact of generators to create power, producing noise & pollution. HGV movements, skip lorries & wheel wash facility will result in substantial noise, disturbing the tranquil surroundings. Environment-I understand that this area is 'highly stressed for water' & that this will worsen due to the project. Mature trees will be felled, having an adverse effect on the local bat population (4 threatened species have been identified on this site). There will be an increase in net carbon emissions, due to the burning of fossil fuels & removal of the tree canopy, & disturbance of the woodland floor. This project will have a negative impact on mental health associated with greener environments. There is an active badger sett in close proximity of the lay-by, parking & wheel wash area, this & other local wildlife will be impacted. This lay-by parking area/wheel wash is in irreplaceable designated ancient woodland. Traffic-HGV traffic will severely affect the local villages. It has been estimated that HGV traffic volumes will increase by approx 300%-this will create a high safety risk for the existing traffic on Loxwood Rd, & on pedestrians (narrow pavements). The access to the site is also a serious concern & will potentially be a severe risk to other road users & pedestrians. Loxwood Rd is only 5.1m wide at its narrowest point & 5.5m wide along most of its length. The volume of HGV movements will result in high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering & exiting the Loxwood Rd, at the A281 junction at Bucks Green. The large increase in HGV traffic could potentially damage listed buildings on the route. The changes to the lay-by will cause disruption & mean that the current availability of parking for walkers, horse riders, cyclists will be lost for those currently enjoying the area. Conflicts will arise due to the HGVs queuing, entering & leaving the site, with private vehicles, creating a severe road safety risk. Demand for Clay-According to the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report, there is NO demand for additional brickmaking clay, as more than 25 years of reserves are in place. It is uneconomic & environmentally unfriendly to transport clay over any distance. Waste Site-There is no justification for a site at this unsuitable location, without the mineral site. There is sufficient capacity for construction & demolition waste in W Sussex, in far more suitable locations. I note that the plan is to only recycle 50% of the waste, however the industry standard is much higher. Suitability of Location-This is a greenfield site, national policy states that waste sites should be located in built-up areas or brownfield sites. The driving distance from the A281 to the site is 4.6km, mostly along an unsuitable minor road & woodland tracks. There are currently no buildings on the site, however the planned 15,000 sq ft building, in unspoilt woodlands would have a significant visual impact on the landscape. The established farming activity in the area will result in conflicts. Loss of Amenity-HGVs on site will run on, alongside & across established public rights of way routes, which are used regularly by the public-resulting in severe health & safety concerns (including children, dogs & horses). The 'temporary' closure of footpath 792-1 (northern boundary) with a significant diversion, would be for a period of 33 years, this is not the definition of temporary. Rikkyo School is 1km from the site & prevailing westerly winds will carry noise, dust & pollutants towards the school. Development Plan-The proposed operation does not conform to 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 complement the natural environment or rural character of the area. There are no demonstrable benefits to the local community. As a resident of Loxwood Rd for some 14 years, I am particularly concerned about the impact this application would have on my family's life due to the significant increase in HGV movements. I would be hesitant to allow my 10 yr-old son to walk in any direction along Loxwood Rd (he will no longer be able to walk to his school, or walk to his friends' houses), & certainly this would be the end of our family bicycle rides along this minor road. We regularly walk as a family along Loxwood Rd, including dog walking, to access the local footpaths/bridleways. I cannot see how this would be safe, if there are 42xHGV movements a day (one passing approx every 14 mins), this is already hazardous due to the narrow pavements (it is necessary to walk in single file/on the road due to the limited pavement width). The effect on the landscape & character of our area would be severe. The noise & pollution caused would be unbearable. Horse riding along this road would no longer be safe (there are approx 5 stable yards located on this part of the road). Walking through this woodland would no longer be enjoyable by my family, due to the concerns over the constant movement of HGVs, crossing our highly valued paths & the risk to our dogs' safety. I strongly believe that this location is completely unsuitable for a recycling site and there would be far more suitable locations, to be found directly on designated lorry routes. With this location, the waste will be driven 3.25km along a</p>

narrow country lane affecting many residential properties,& then a further 1.3km through pristine woodlands,to be sorted & then a significant percentage of it driven back again along the same 4.55km route to the main rd.Please take my objections into account & reject this application.Kind regards
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