

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Address	SAWASDEE, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3DW
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this application. I have lived on Loxwood Road for the last 14 years. This is generally a fairly quiet country lane. The increase in traffic will have a direct and severe impact on every resident of this road. The increase in HGV traffic will be a significant safety issue for us. In particular, affecting the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Children walking to school. In year 5 and 6 of Rudgwick Primary School, children are allowed to walk to and from school unaccompanied. Crossing Loxwood Road opposite the Fox Inn will become far too dangerous with the increased number of HGV lorry movements. The children living on Loxwood Road will be unable to have the independence that other children in the village are given.2. These children will also be unable to meet with their school friends in the village or ride their bike on the road without being accompanied.3. There are at least 5 equestrian properties located on Loxwood Road that will be directly affected by the increase in HGV's. The majority of these riders will not be able to ride their horses out of their front gate. Having been a horse rider most of my life, horses are generally accepting of cars, but can be easily spooked by large noisy vehicles. This presents a serious danger to both the horse and rider. There is a lack of off road bridleways along this section of Loxwood Road, so to ride between the Downs Link and the bridle way located in Pallinghurst Woods, riders have to use Loxwood Road. It will be such a shame not to see horses going past our front door any more.4. The pavements (where there are any) are often narrow, and can only be walked along in single file. Currently when walking along Loxwood Road with children and dogs, one person has to walk in the road, and on the occasion that a car passes, move onto the pavement. This will become too dangerous with the significant increase in traffic. We will no longer be able to go for family walks from our house. We regularly use the footpath located in the field opposite. The entrance to this is over a stile on Loxwood Road. Coming back out onto the road from this stile will pose specific danger with large HGV vehicles passing the entrance. There is approximately 1 square meter on which to stand, control your dogs and children, peer out from behind the hedge to check for traffic, then get everyone safely across the road. This footpath will become unusable on weekdays and Saturdays if the recycling centre were to open. We will have to drive twice a day simply to walk our dog.5. Loxwood Road is very narrow at some points, with barely room for 2 cars to pass each other, let alone HGV lorries. I have had a couple of near misses over the years of living on this road where large lorries have been using it. In particular, 2 large HGV lorries were trying to pass each other very slowly opposite Barnsfold Nursery. The traffic behind the lorry traveling west along Loxwood Road had backed up to the corner, meaning that when I drove around the blind bend, I had to slam my brakes on in order to stop in time. I then sat there terrified that another vehicle was going to crash into the back of my car. Luckily no other cars came and eventually the lorries managed to pass each other. This will be a daily occurrence with these types of vehicles traveling along this road every 14 minutes. I strongly believe that the location is unsuitable for a recycling site and there would be far more suitable locations directly on designated lorry routes. With this location, the waste will be driven 3.25km along a narrow country lane affecting many residential properties, and then a further 1.3km through pristine woodlands, to be sorted and then a significant percentage of it driven back again along the same 4.55km route to the main road. It appears that there is no demand for additional brick making clay, therefore there is no justification for a waste site at this unsuitable location. These woodlands are a greenfield site, and the National Policy states that waste sites should only be located in built-up areas or brown field sites. Having walked these woods almost daily for the last 14 years, the effect of this development will not only be devastating to the environment, flora, and fauna but will also have a severe impact on the enjoyment of these designated footpaths and bridlepaths for all users. <p>The current gravel track through the woods that the development is planning to utilise is unsuitable for frequent vehicle use due to being on clay. It is currently very soft underfoot in places and this is the middle of summer. This would have to be replaced with a tarmac or concrete road for the full 1.3km from the layby to the waste recycling plant. This will have an impact on the natural environment, the trees and hedgerows, and the landscape and character of the area, not to mention the environmental damage caused by the production and process of laying these substances. They have proposed wheel washing facilities, however this is unlikely to prevent mud contamination on the surrounding roads and would generate significant noise.</p> <p>I have not even touched on the environmental damage that will occur in these beautiful woodlands for which I feel passionately about. I am sure the environmental experts will detail the major impacts on local wildlife and species and hope you take this into consideration.</p>

Please take my objections into account and reject this application.
Regards
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