

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>We are appalled by this planning application and the proposed wanton destruction of acres of beautiful woodland it would entail. 1. Firstly, we can see no need for any more clay for this area as there are already adequate stocks in reserve for many years to come. Without the huge great hole which would be caused by extracting clay, there would be no need to fill it with landfill waste. Without the landfill waste, there would be no need to devastate the landscape further by building a 15,000 sq ft building to house the waste. 2. The narrow country lane leading to the proposed site is in no way suitable for up to 42 large trucks each day bringing landfill waste. The lane is quite narrow in places and is used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers as well as motorists. Some motorists travel at quite high speeds along the lane and it would be only a matter of time before a fatality occurred. The heavy goods vehicles would have an adverse affect on the Grade 2 listed buildings along the route which do not have much in the way of foundations, of which my property is one. Were the traffic to go the other way towards the A281, the junction with Loxwood Road is in itself very dangerous as vision is restricted when turning right. 3. This is an area outstanding in its natural beauty which has remained untouched for hundreds of years, home to deer, foxes, badgers, bats and cuckoos in the summer, vast swathes of bluebells and wild garlic, a wonderful tranquil retreat now threatened with total destruction because of man's greed. 4. Water is a big problem in this area and any development in this region will have an adverse on already limited supplies. 5. The layby where it is envisaged site traffic will emerge onto the Loxwood Road is very popular with walkers who park their cars there. Heavy goods vehicles using this area will cause a dangerous situation and also bring a great deal of mud onto the road in wet weather, creating more lethal situations. On the site itself, the lorries would cross established rights of way causing ever more dangerous situations. 6. This is an area of great peace and tranquillity which would be destroyed by the noise of machinery, heavy goods vehicles thundering over the tracks and light emitted from the building, not to mention the building itself which will devastate the beauty of the area. 7. Surely, waste sites should be situated in brownfield sites or built up areas, not areas of outstanding natural beauty. 8. The traffic generated will have a severe adverse affect on the surrounding villages which are already suffering from greatly increased traffic due to all the building of new homes which has been carried out recently. 9. This proposal does not conform with the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. It is not sensitive to its setting in any way and does nothing to enhance or improve or protect the natural environment. 10. Lastly, the effect something like this will have on all the properties in the area, not to mention those people in the house next to the layby, hardly bears thinking about. This is a beautiful area to live - please let us keep it that way.</p>
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