

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Malcolm Crabbe"/>
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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to strenuously object to Loxwood Clay Pits planning application number WSCC/030/21. As I understand it this company want to extract clay for brick making and then backfill with construction waste in an area of existing ancient woodland.</p> <p>I object on various counts as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) According to the WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report, there is no demand for additional brickmaking Clay as WSCC have more than 25 years of reserves therefore there is no need to extract this clay. Furthermore, it makes no sense to extract clay and transport it as this is environmentally unsound practice but rather the extraction normally takes place alongside brickmaking facilities. This is not the case here.2) This is a greenfield site and national policy states that waste sites should be built in built up areas or brownfield sites. This is obviously not the case here.3) The application proposes closure of footpath 792-1 (for 33 years!) which we regularly use for walking our dog. Further the HGV lorries will be crossing various other footpaths in the woods giving rise to serious safety concerns. This is not acceptable.4) There are major environmental concerns relating to bats and badgers in the impacted area. The felling of trees will remove bat roosting sites and as these are protected species this should be prevented at all costs. Some of the areas being felled are actually ancient woodland and the biodiversity loss would be tremendous.5) Traffic - the number of HGV lorry movements through the forestry track and then along a minor B road will have significant impact to all the local residents. The road is not wide enough to safely pass large HGV lorries and will be a significant safety issue for Highways.6) The dust created during the workings of the site will spread throughout the woods and severely impact the local wildlife and this along with the light pollution will disrupt the bats in the local area. <p>I sincerely hope that my objections will be taken into account and this needless, ruinous proposal will be stopped before part of this beautiful tranquil countryside is destroyed.</p> <p>Thank you Malcolm Crabbe</p>
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