Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

Dear Sir/Madam, Re: WSCC/030/21

I would like to register my objection to the above application.

The proposal will cause considerable pollution in the form of noise, dust, CO2 emissions. Loxwood Road in particular is a winding narrow (5.1m at its narrowest point) country road utilised by large numbers of cyclists and horses. The sizable increase in HGV traffic presents a clear hazard to these road users. There are 3 stables along the route that will be particularly impacted by the dangerous increase in traffic.

In the woods themselves there are a considerable number of footpaths. I use these everyday when I walk my dogs and I know many others do also. The closure of footpath 792-1, the large volume of HGV traffic and the increase in noise pollution will pose a great risk to my health and safety when utilising the area and will in all probability result in the loss of this area as a viable place in which to exercise.

The impact on the natural environment will be considerable.

The proposal is in direct opposition to The West Sussex Tree Plan (December 2020). 1.3 the plan seeks to ensure that the trees within our ownership are maintained, protected, and improved for current and future generations. It also seeks to influence how the wider tree resource within the county is managed and improved. Accordingly, it has three strategic aims:

To maintain the trees and Woodlands in the County Council's ownership;

To protect trees and Woodlands from new development and other threats;

To improve tree cover in West Sussex through natural regeneration, the planting of new trees, and the creation of new woodlands.

It is specifically the second bullet point, "to protect trees and woodlands", that is in direct opposition to the councils stated policy should this application be approved. They would indeed be a considerable loss of trees and hedgerows if the application has passed.

I don't believe there is a need to pass this application. West Sussex county council have more than 25 years of brickmaking clay reserves , therefore the argument that there is a demand for brickmaking clay is false. Even if this were true the location of the proposal is not in line with national policy on waste sites. This is a greenfield site and not a built-up area or brownfield site.

In my opinion allowing this application through would cause considerable loss of amenity, be in direct opposition to the council's own tree policy, contravene the national policy on location of waste sites, increase pollution and cause a significant health and safety issue to users of the Loxwood Road, the ancient woodlands and footpaths.

Yours faithfully, Rob McCracken.

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Attachments