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Objection

I wish to object to the proposal for clay pits and a commercial waste recycling plant in Pallinghurst Woods.

Pallinghurst Woods is a greenfield site that also is home to ancient woodland which is currently the subject of Government Policy to be protected. Government policy states that development of a waste site should be on brownfield sites or built in already built-up areas. This is an area of land over a kilometre away from a small country road accessed across woodland and footpaths resulting in destruction of a beautiful, natural environment frequently used by walkers together with cyclists and horse riders on the bridleways. Having large vehicles moving in such an area would result in severe safety and health issues in the woodland itself.

The layby is unsuitable as an exit entry point, mud would be distributed on the narrow country road. The significant increase in HGV traffic will impact heavily on the surrounding villages and present a safety issue for existing road users, not only cars but cyclists, walkers and horse riders too. The access to the A281 at Bucks Green is far from safe for HGV vehicles. There is potential for damage to listed buildings on the proposed route for HGVs.

There is a plan for a large building in an area far from any other buildings which would have a detrimental visual impact. There are no other buildings of any sort in these pristine woodlands which are also habitat to some endangered species including some rare protected species of bat.

The environment would be polluted by noise, light and dust containing pollutants. This would have significant impact on wildlife and damage the environment for neighbouring residents and Rikkyo School.

This whole plan goes against everything that the planet as a whole is trying to achieve to reduce or stop global warming. Fossil fuels will be burnt, ancient woodland destroyed as the tree canopy would be felled and there would be resultant damage to the woodland floor. Noise pollution would be at significant levels from HGV movements, to the operation of the extraction itself and the waste recycling. Net carbon emissions would be increased.

This site is not a suitable on for such a development and should not be considered in a rural farming area such as this for the reasons stated above.

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