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**Subject:** J Charman - Objection to proposal WSCC/030/21 (Loxwood Clay Pit)  
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Dear Sirs

I object to the WSCC/030/21 proposal for the following reasons:

#### **Traffic and Safety**

- The significant increase in HGV traffic will have a severe impact on local residents and all road users (including cyclists and equestrians) from the site entrance to the junction with A281. This road is a busy rural lane just 5.5m along most of its length (5.1m in places). It is bendy, uneven and potholed and clearly unsuitable for large volumes of HGV traffic.
- There is an increased safety risk from HGVs entering and exiting the difficult junction of Loxwood Road/A281 at Bucks Green.
- Despite the proposed wheel washing facilities, there is a significant potential for mud contamination on the surrounding roads.
- The proposed site access is on a bend in the road. The combination of private vehicles and HGVs queuing, entering, and leaving the proposed site will add to the road safety risk.
- Site access for HGVs will run on, alongside, and across established and well-used Public Right of Way routes regularly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

#### **Suitability of and impact on location**

- The area in question is a designated greenfield site and an ancient woodland. National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites.
- The proposed operation does not conform to the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan and the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area.
- The development would further increase the demand for water in an area which is already struggling to maintain a constant supply.
- There will be an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels and the felling of mature trees.
- The felling of trees and disturbance of the woodland will endanger the habitats of birds, bats and other wildlife.
- The ancillary building and quarrying operation would have a significant visual impact in the landscape.
- There will be significant noise disturbance from diesel generators, tracked vehicles and excavators, HGV movements, skip lorries and the wheel wash facility.
- Light pollution will be inevitable in an area where there is currently none.

In addition to the above, it would seem that there is no demand for more brickmaking clay as the county already has 25 years of reserves. With sufficient capacity for Construction and Demolition waste in West Sussex in established and appropriate locations, why build another site in a beautiful, unspoilt, tranquil and unsuitable location?

Taking the above into consideration, it is hard to understand how this proposal can be thought of as anything other than totally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jackie Charman

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