Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments Objection

I have been a resident of Loxwood since 1975, having moved to the village to bring up our family in the peaceful rural environment of the locale. Since then the village has grown with the phased addition of sympathetic residential development, well controlled with the input more recently from local inhabitants into the Neighbourhood Plan such that the underlying character of the Parish has been retained. This proposal to industrialise a significant portion of the valued local environment of established woodlands will have a detrimental effect on the peaceful infrastructure all residents have up to now been able to enjoy whether for relaxation, walking and running in the woodlands or cycling on local roads. I believe there are substantial and significant risks to safety both within the woodland and on the access roads which will have to carry a high volume of inappropriate large vehicles. The bulk and location of this proposal are in no way sensitive to the rural location and do not fit with the local rural environment. At a time when we are all looking to reduce our carbon impact on the environment, the felling of trees and destruction of fragile countryside whilst increasing localised carbon emissions (on site power plant and significant increase in heavy vehicle movements) all act in the opposite direction by adding to pollution. The local road infrastructure involves a limited width carriage way, the surface of which is already frequently stressed and at times dangerous, with poor visibility on numerous bends and at the junction with both the A281 and the B2133. I further believe that there is little commercial justification for this project as I understand there are

substantial long term sources of clay already available within West Sussex.

In view of the above issues I strongly object to this proposal and believe it should be firmly rejected.

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