

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Larry Heath"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="STOVEPIPE WELLS, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3DW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Pallinghurst Woods is a rural area, and has always been a rural area. The change of use to a clay pit and subsequent use of the hole as a dumping ground for industrial waste is inappropriate to the entire nature of this rural area. My objections are :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Removal of woodland and supposed transplant of native species to a new site destroys the continuity of native wildlife life cycles in the area. This includes ancient woodland found on the site and the delicate structure of the subsoils. 15 acres of clay extraction cannot be moved harmlessly and 'biodiversity increase' , as is always claimed, cannot be guaranteed and is unlikely to be forthcoming (can the owners, a skip hire company, be trusted to even monitor this?).2. The need for clay is proven to be unfounded. WSCC's own reports show a 20 year supply of clay already in stock. This shows that the extraction of clay is a front for a dumping operation. The owners are seeking to make a quick profit at the expense of nature and in contravention to COP26 aims that the UK has signed up to.3. The road infrastructure through the approx. 5miles of country road between the site and the lorry network at Rudgwick is entirely unsuited to the 40+ lorries (one every 15minutes each way) that has been quoted. This road is single lane, has numerous blind bends and turns and has no paving meaning that walkers walk in road. In addition on the sections where there is housing cars reverse into the road. This is dangerous enough without the addition of these large vehicles.4. CO2 emissions in the area are going to increase markedly. These lorries would never be electric, being too large, and their number and frequency cannot be ameliorated by some small replanting when considered over the estimated 30+ year life cycle of the site. This also contravenes COP26 and the reduction in CO2 emissions promised by the UK. AT the moment we have a virtually negative CO2 emissions status.5. Noise. Even excluding the lorries running from early morning to evening 5.5 days a week as proposed, the site will make constant noise. The owners say that this would be like talking but since the area is rural even this is intrusive to the area as it would continue constantly.6.Loss of amenity. The site is criss-crossed by paths and woodland walks that the owners have sought to limit, These would all be lost. <p>These alone are enough reason to oppose the change of use. Please, please do not allow this to go ahead.</p>
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