

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>This application (WSCC/030/21) has absolutely no demonstrable benefits to the local residents and instead will compromise them significantly.</p> <p>Health and Safety Risk. Myself and my daughter ride our horse along Loxwood Road to access the bridleway at the proposed access point and wheel wash. My 15 year old child riding through this new 'industrialised' area will have significant risk of the horse taking fright resulting in an unimaginable accident.</p> <p>My other daughter runs from Exfold Farm along the Loxwood Road to Drungewick Lane. No amount of hi-viz will protect her from the stream of HGVs that will stream along the road that was never built or intended for industrial use - another dangerous scenario resulting in a potential accident.</p> <p>Tranquility - we moved here in 2021 from Cranleigh which has become so busy over the last 20 years to find a remote and tranquil environment to bring up our family and end our days here. Our days will now be filled with the noise from the site (diesel generators and excavators) as well as the constant comings and goings of the HGVs, skip lorries and the wheel wash.</p> <p>Impact on mental health - we moved to the quiet of West Sussex from Surrey to settle in a rural environment to promote good mental health within the family. This is under threat. My mother lives in a nursing home and cannot walk. She really struggled through lock-down but now I take her in her wheel chair along what we call 'the yellow brick road' (the proposed access point of the site) and she loves it - she sees the cows and the bluebells and trees; she can get close to nature. I cannot think of an alternative route that will give her these benefits that she can access from her wheelchair.</p> <p>Suitability of Location: This is a greenfield site; it is not built up or even a brownfield site. It is an ancient woodland - we can check out its history from the document held at West Sussex Records office which proves Pephurst Woods have existed since 1600 AD. These woods have historical significance as were bequeathed by Queen Elizabeth 1st to John Harte. The area is currently rich with biodiversity the proposal will destroy the local environment - MY local environment through dust, carbon emissions noise and light pollution as well as vibration.</p> <p>The Barbastelle Bat have been identified there and we have a responsibility to protect it as it is an International European Protected Species.</p> <p>The badgers set near to the access point (not mentioned in the application) will not be able to survive the proposed plans.</p> <p>The UN's intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change has just delivered a study suggesting human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and sometimes irreversible ways. The report 'is a code red for humanity'. How can we endorse a project that will compromise the environment in every way at such a crucial time for our planet? West Sussex County council don't even need the brick making clay - we have more than 25 years of reserves. Therefore there would be no justification for the waste site - this waste can go to established locations that are far more suitable.</p> <p>If this planning application is approved I feel so strongly against it I will lie down across the access route to hopefully prevent the HGV's gaining access.</p>
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