Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Address

Type of Comment Comments

WHITE LEA SOUTH, GUILDFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3BG

Objection

I would like to register my strongest objection to this application. As someone who lives less than 1 km from the proposed site and walks daily throughout these woodlands I have the gravest concerns about the health and safety impact of public rights of way crossing the footpaths used by walkers, riders and animals with daily HGV movements. I believe this would significantly damage the wildlife, trees, habitat and ecology of the site. It would pollute the environment with light for the operations, sound and noise pollution, dust and is a location wholly unsuitable for either clay extraction or waste removal/ recycling.

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- 1. There are 3 sites with 25 years plus clay reserves already, sufficient for development needs. I understood clay extraction should be adjacent to brickworks rather than creating unnecessary polution and carbon footprint through long drives to the point of use.
- 2. This is a wholly unsuitable location for a waste plant being a greenfield site. I believe local policy says waste should be in urban or brownfield sites. Part of the site includes ancient woodland and this would be destroyed at the layby on the Loxwood road.
- 3. The HGV lorries would travel through minor agricultural tracks and then through villages and hamlets before joining the national lorry network. There would be significant health and saftey and traffic issues on the Loxwood road and at the junction with Bucks Green.
- 4. The plans include 15000 sq ft buildings in the middle of woodland where none exist
- 5. There will be a loss of public amenity both in carpark facilities at the layby, the closure of the footpath 792-1 and an increase in noise and pollutants from the south west prevailing winds.
- 6. This application doesn't fit within the Loxwood plan or the Chichester district local plan and is insensitive to the natural environment or existing Public Rights of Way
- 7. The diesel generators will increase pollution. The environmental impact will be significant with the felling of trees and disturbance to the woodland floor and natural habitats of eg protected bats.

 8. 42 HGVs per day will be a big noise pollutant.
- 9. There is a severe risk to walkers, animals and also traffic on the loxwood road where it joins the layby. A reduction in carpark facilities will be devastating and the loxwood road is too narrow to accommodate the constant passing of HGVs.
- 10. The listed buildings may be damaged on the loxwood road by dust and pollution. The mud on the roads will increase. The wheel cleaning at the layby will mean the destruction of designated ancient woodland.

In short this is an unsuitable location being rural and remote from the road network, the brickmaking and sited in greenfield site of woodland. It will destroy the tranquility of the area with light and noise pollution. It will impact the public with loss of amenities and dust and odour and noise. It will create traffic and safety issues impacting highway safety. It will destroy the landscape and character of beautiful local woodlands, extensive network of walks and a safe habitat for local wildlife and protected species. It will have a major detrimental effect on the carbon footprint an be of no benefit to the local community.

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