

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Vicky Allen"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="WOODFIELD ROAD, 22, WOODFIELD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3EP"/>
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Comments	<p>Having walked in these woods 2/3 times each week for over 30 years I ask WSCC to consider if they wish to be responsible for the loss of this amenity to the next generation?</p> <p>My objection focuses on issues of suitability, environment, traffic and loss of amenity. The application is based on a greenfield site, government policy states that a waste facility should be developed on brownfield or built up areas. The plan for a large building in the middle of unspoilt woodlands, plus another building and the quarrying operation will have a distinct visual impact. The clay extraction is outdoors, noisy, dusty and generates emissions. One of the two 20m passing places is proposed in Hurst Wood, an Ancient Woodland, any passing place destroys established verge in an open ride. Not to mention the immediate loss of mature trees and the long term vulnerability to flora and fauna over a wider area. There will be light pollution on winter mornings and evenings at the site and the wheelwash; all this in what is currently a locally remote, tranquil area of amenity for many users with an important impact on mental health and well-being that has been further emphasized during Covid 19.</p> <p>The HGV's have to travel 1.3km from the layby along a woodland track to reach the site, crossing PROW's and bridleways used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, dogs and others, creating huge health and safety concerns. The HGV's will also travel 3.25 km along a minor country road, particularly narrow in places, before reaching the A281; the junction with the A281 is a severe safety issue for HGV's and other vehicles entering and exiting. The new Highway Code presumes in favour of all other users over vehicles of all types, the presence of HGV's has the potential to decrease the perception of safety for non-motorised traffic. Although the A281 is rated as part of the Local Lorry Route Network, the nearest Strategic Route is the A24 at Broadbridge Heath.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust state: "Trees are fabulous multi-taskers - providing high levels of pollen and nectar for wildlife to survive and thrive while fighting the daily effects of climate change." At a time when most recognise our planet is crumbling under the effects of climate change surely developments that impact further on this should be halted. The claimed net gain in biodiversity following restoration in up to 30 years' time will not bring back the loss of habitat now, including soils, across the six hectares of the pit, and will not help climate change by releasing CO2 locked in today's soils and vegetation. We do not have the luxury of time.</p> <p>I strongly object to this application.</p>
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