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My name is Juliet Standish and I live at

Reference WSCC/030/21. Objection to Loxwood claypit proposal.

I am in the perfect position of being able to comment and provide my strong objection to the proposed clay pit at Loxwood because I walk my dogs almost everyday in the woods, and I therefore drive my car there and back down the loxwood road. I have been doing this for many years and it is appalling that this application has been considered. Here are my reasons:

Road Safety

The Loxwood road is narrow in many places and I often have to pull over and stop my car if a lorry passes by. I cannot imagine how dangerous it will be if there are many HGV lorries going up and down all day long. It was only a few months ago a motorbike was on its side with the driver sitting next to it on a corner having been forced off the road by a lorry. This is many accidents waiting to happen if it goes ahead. If two lorries were to pass each other at speed there will be collisions without a doubt as the road is just not wide enough to cope.

Every day I pass by cyclists, pedestrians, runners and horses with riders on them. It can often take a while to pass them very slowly because the road is so narrow in places and the onward visibility is poor.

The access to the layby where the claypit entrance will be is on a sharp bend. The idea of lorries coming in and out of this layby is highly dangerous, not to mention will block the parking area for all the cars.

Dangerous walking in the woods

With lorries coming in and out of the entrance of Loxwood road, the walkers with dogs (and there are many like myself) will be at constant risk of accidents and possible deaths with their animals being hit by lorries. The main pathway that this mode of transport will take goes centrally through the woods, if a dog chases a deer or a squirrel as they are predisposed to do, there will potentially be a number of unpleasant incidents with pets and owners.

Environment

When I walk in the woods, I hear and appreciate the birds, the deer and the rest of the animals of the woodland in their natural habitat. Aside from the hideous pollution this is going to cause in such a beautiful natural environment, I can only imagine the fear that these animals will feel when they are terrorised by lorries, noise and men at work.

I have provided you with an honest appraisal of how as a nearby resident for many years I think

it is a dangerous, and environmentally hazardous proposal. I hope that you will seriously consider our concerns.

Yours Juliet Standish