



7<sup>th</sup> August 2021

County Planning  
West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
Chichester  
PO19 1RH

Ref: Planning application number **WSSC/030/21**

Dear Sirs

I am writing as a Loxwood resident of over thirty years to object to the above planning application in the strongest terms as the site proposed is totally unsuitable for the purpose proposed

I would first of all point out that the latest WSSC minerals monitoring report states that there is no demand for additional brick making clay and that WSSC have more than 25 years of reserves. The closure of West Hoathly brickworks and the fact that Pitsham brickworks do not use the weald clay that is in the proposal make the application untenable on this point.

Secondly you will be aware that this is a greenfield site and that National Policy states that waste sites should be sited in built up areas or brownfield sites. The access to the site is along minor roads and unsuitable woodland tracks meaning HGV's will run on, alongside and across established public right of way routes regularly used by members of the public with severe safety and health concerns.

Furthermore and of great concern is the danger to the environment in this remote and tranquil location where light pollution and diesel generators will create pollutants and noise which will disturb the local wildlife. There is an active badger set within close proximity of the lay-by, currently deer roam freely in the woods and there have been four threatened species of bats identified in these woods including the Barbastelle bat which is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.

Finally I cannot emphasise enough the effect that the increased HGV traffic will have on the local villages/hamlets of Loxwood, Bucks Green, Tismans Common and Rudgwick. The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk to those of us who use the Loxwood Road frequently, and indeed there will be a huge risk in Loxwood village with unpoliced HGV movements using the village as a cut through.

To sum up I would emphasise the unsuitability of this site for the proposed purpose and would expect the proposal to be firmly rejected for the many reasons that are being stated.

Yours faithfully



James E. Doré