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I am emailing to lodge an objection to the proposed Loxwood Clay Pit development in Pallinghurst Wood.

I am a local business owner in the village of Loxwood, [REDACTED] and have traded in the village for over thirty years - we opened in 1986 and I have seen many changes to this rural landscape, I can wholeheartedly say that this application is one of the most unacceptable proposals that has been put forward to date.

Pallinghurst Woods is a greenfield site and National Policy is clear in that waste sites should be sited in brownfield sites. The damage to the environment would be catastrophic, having a terrible effect on local wildlife, habitat and species.

There is also the key factor of "loss of amenity" closure of footpath 792-1 which although it is stated as temporary will actually be for 33 years, a whole generation will lose the right of access to an incredibly beautiful piece of woodland frequented by local residents, dog walkers, riders and runners – all who benefit not only in mental but physical health from using the woods.

The Local Riding for the Disabled and Carriage Driving association operate from a neighbouring estate and this would no longer be viable with the serious danger from HGV traffic along the public highways. The roads in the surrounding villages are simply not wide enough to support the steady stream of heavy goods which also pose a threat to the many listed buildings in Loxwood, Tismans Common, Alfold and Rudgwick.

There is absolutely no demand for Clay in this region, brickworks are closing daily and those still in operation have local supplies which will suffice for many years to come. Transporting clay from one area to another is not only economically but also financially unsound.

As stated above there are many reasons for objection but I would like to reiterate that this proposed waste site does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment and rural nature of the area and for me this is of paramount importance in these days of heightened awareness of the fragile state of our planet.

Sincerely

John Murray