

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number

Name

Address

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Comments

I am writing to object to this proposal, as I feel extremely upset that a proposal of this size could possibly be considered on such a beautiful site and one that I have walked daily for decades. But my objections are actually with substance and I hope they will make a difference to the decision that is made.

Demand for Clay:

I found that there is no demand for clay in the area for brick making, as there is a supply for over 25 years at 3 sites and an additional site has clay supplies for 24 years, hence the closure of Rudgwick Brickworks and others locally and as reported in the WSCC minerals monitoring report. To transport this clay a distance would not be environmentally friendly along with many of the other proposals for this site.

Disposal of building waste:

Currently there are enough designated sites for building waste and without the need to extract the clay, there would be no site available for this anyway. The site location a green field site (not recommended for landfills, which are usually in built up areas or brown field sites) for the disposal/recycling of the building waste will also have a devastating impact on the woods and it's surrounding area. As the proposed recycling targets are well below the accepted industry standard levels, this cannot be deemed an appropriate site and will increase the lorry movements.

Site distance to Main Road A281 safety along this road:

The site entrance exceeds the maximum distance considered acceptable for this type of proposal at 3.25km and then a further distance of 1.3km on the woodland track to get to the proposed site. The 3.25km, is a narrow windy minor road, with no passing places. There are also no footpaths until you get to Tismans Common and there are children that wait on the road to be collected by the Weald school bus in the mornings and are dropped off in the afternoon. This road is also regularly used by horse riders and cyclists, passing is difficult along most parts of the road, due to the visibility and width. The road is also in a terrible state of repair with numerous potholes, which will add to the dangers of wide lorries trying to pass safely on the several narrow points along the road. If 2 were to meet along the road, which is fairly probable with the projected lorry movements, it will be difficult for them to safely pass each other. There have been a recent accidents, one involving a skip lorry and an ordinary 18 ton box lorry and another where a gas cylinder fell off a lorry onto a car and then into a garden and the gas came out.

The Proposed Woodland Site:

The actual site, is deep into the woods and the disruption to the wildlife and fauna will be huge. There is no electricity or water supply here, so the noise from a generator and lights in what should be an area of natural light will be devastating. The chances of a sewerage system running into the many waterways that run under many parts of this area, would also be of a huge concern to the environment and waterways that these run into and the surrounding land. The minerals from the sites may also cause contamination within the area. The proposed access area is immediately next to the entrance to the main footpath and the congestion at this area with HGV's and cars, will need to be planned carefully. This area is also has an ancient wooded area next to it. The noise and additional water waste at this tyre washing area, which will be huge, as we're talking about washing clay off the large tyres is another environmental disaster waiting to happen. There are many waterways at this point and contamination will need to be considered carefully. This is without the public right of ways that cross the proposed path that will act as the road to the main site. How will the crossings be monitored to ensure safety of the public, horses, cattle, sheep and cyclists? The fields are used for many months of the year for farming of animals, which need to be moved between the fields. The proposed loss of the footpath for 33 years, would be a breach of public freedom and use of a green space, much needed by many people in the area and further away. The huge increased noise pollution, air pollution and environmental pollution will be catastrophic to the whole area which is currently a beautiful rural area and has not been earmarked as a potential development site, by either Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or Chichester District Council local Plan.

I have been extremely lucky to have seen and experienced badgers recently in the woods, along with

hares, kestrels and owls, beautiful fauna and peacefulness. This could be all lost if this inappropriate site is allowed to be converted into a industrial site, with no strict legislation to control the actions that will affect many people.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Deborah C B Turner

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Attachments