## Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Objection

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Type of Comment Comments

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I would like to object to and comment on 21/02269/ADJ planning application on four grounds:

Firstly, suitability of use for the area

I question the rationale under which WSCC would approve this application based on the above criteria and WSCC stated goals. WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report state that there are 25 years of reserves for clay suggesting a new clay pit facility is not required. If the application is ultimately about a waste recycling plant for commercial return, they propose to site this at an unsuitable location, at a distance from the Lorry Advisory Network and only accessible on narrow roads and then woodland tracks. National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites. The proposed location meets neither of these criteria.

Secondly, road highway safety. Passing HGV's on Loxwood Road along narrow roads, cars passing HGV's and HGV's on a narrow road used by horses/cyclists/walkers presents a safety risk. Whilst the Application states traffic will be staggered to avoid HGV's crossing the reality is this is unlikely to be tightly managed and policied over a 30 year period. I question too the cost of WSCC of road maintenance and repair with a projected 300% increase in HGV traffic volumes.

Thirdly, noise disturbance. The application references HGC movements, skip lorries, wheel wash facilities, vehicle excavators, waste crushing machines and the waste management facility itself all of which will generate noise. For those in the local community who enjoy walking on public footpaths there will be direct noise disturbances to a peaceful woodland in the proposed locality. To those living nearby there will be background noise/continual low level noise from the processing of waste. The Application's Appendix ESJ Noise Impact Assessment references rates at nearby local properties at between 45 DB and 33 DB. I would like to see an independent analysis of the likely noise impacts, not commissioned by the commercial applicant for the planning permission. I would also like to see the actual sound impacts when the Rudgewick Claypits was operational which the applicant states was of a similar size/business. Our property is equidistant to those on Spy Lane to the proposed site and I am seriously concerned about noise disturbance on a daily sustained basis in our garden and the mental health impacts of this.

Finally, protected species. No bat surveys have been carried out to identify if the protected species is roosting on the land proposed for the development.

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