Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

11 Nursery Green Loxwood

Objection

I object strongly to the proposed clay extraction, waste disposal and recycling at Pallinghurst Woods. The area contains ancient and newer long established woodland and it is a place of beauty and quiet, providing families with a safe area to enjoy the countryside.

At a time when the World is aware of the need to protect trees why is it proposed to destroy such a wonderful natural resource at Pallinghurst Woods?

There is no need from local brickworks for the extraction of clay at this site. There is ample clay available for local sites for the next 25 years. It is usual to site clay extraction close to a brickwork for it to be economically advantageous.

Once all the clay has been removed what will be used to fill in the large hole? The difficulties caused at the 'Crouchlands' site in nearby Ifold highlight the potential risk of a toxic waste site that has to be regularly checked. The site at Ifold involved regular lorry traffic which damaged the local roads - in particular Fox Lane with edging disintegrating and making driving and walking along it hazardous. A waste site will involve regular HGV traffic in the both directions and will again damage the local country roads. The proposed site is in the country where the local roads do not have pavements and pedestrians have to walk along the roads as there is no other option. The roads near the site are not appropriate to carry lorries - possibly four times an hour throughout the day and 5 days a week. The road to the site narrows to 5.1 in places highlighting the difficulty that walkers, cyclists, families with children in buggies and horse riders would encounter meeting these vehicles.

The destruction of 300 acres of woodland will decimate the habitats of local species.

The reduced tree canopy will not be able to reduce the carbon emissions at the current rate. Unfortunately, the carbon emissions will rise due to the housing of a recycling site of 15,000 square feet.

Light pollution will be created in a site that currently has none.

There are major concerns for the availability of water in this area with local housing and commercial developments on hold whilst measures are determined to make them 'water neutral'.

How will this project provide 'water neutrality' with particular reference to cleaning the wheels of lorries and roads.

Finally

The proposal does not meet the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Plan for developments in rural areas.

Locals will lose a place of beauty.

There will be increased large traffic movements.

There will be an increase in noise from the traffic and the site.

There will be a huge loss of animal habitats.

There will be an increased need for water extraction for the site to function.

The current water sources could become polluted further endangering the local environment.

There will be increased noise, dust and loss of amenity for the local community.

Over all this is a thoroughly inappropriate proposal and I strongly object to it.

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