Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Sophie Nataraj

Objection

STATION ROAD, 5, STATION ROAD, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SN

Type of Comment Comments

Address

I live in Loxwood Village and object to the proposed development in Pallinghurst Woods. I use the public footpaths in the woods several times a week and as a family we undoubtedly benefit from this

local amenity. The area proposed for development is an area of natural beauty and tranquillity. We are all being urged to take a stand against the destruction of the natural world and constantly reminded of the threat of climate change. If one does not take a stand against the destruction of local woodland, where does this end? The developers would have us believe that this is a comparatively small, if not insignificant, area which will have little impact. I would like to argue that the destruction of ANY woodland cannot be justifiable in the 21st century.

The reasons given for the development do not justify the destruction of woodland. It is not a suitable location for waste disposal. There is no urgent need for clay for the production of bricks. The development will change the landscape and tranquillity irreversibly. The distance to the site from the road means development will impact on the entire woodland area and this is not acceptable in a green field site.

As a local resident and parent to two young children, I have very grave concerns about the movement of many HGVs on the proposed routing to and from the site, not least through the woodland in close proximity and crossing public rights of way. Loxwood Road is only 5.1m wide at the narrowest point which does not allow the safe passing of two HGVs. I believe that the proposed volume of HGV traffic poses a severe risk to safety at junctions and passing points.

In summary, this proposed development brings no recognisable benefit to to local community and only threatens it. I urge the company to rethink their proposal and rather accept their vital role as custodians of a beautiful woodland which once destroyed will never be regained.

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