Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21	
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Type of Comment	Objection	
Comments	I am objecting to this proposal on three grounds - lack of suitability of use for area, the negative impact on the natural environment and traffic generation noise and safety issues.	
	Suitability of site for what is in effect an industrial waste processing plant in ancient woodland. The argument for a new clay pit is not supported by evidence. There are three local sites with 25 years supply of clay and one with 24 years, therefore the national and local level clay requirements are met. There is also sufficient capacity for construction and demolition waste in West Sussex, and national policy states that these waste sites should be in built up areas or brownfield sites - this pristine and tranquil woodland is neither.	
	The impact of this proposed development on the natural landscape of Pallinghurst Woods would be significant with loss and disturbance of habitats for birds and woodland animals. There are currently no other buildings or industrial noise or light pollution in these tranquil Ancient Woodlands. As the natural world is under threat across the planet, why would West Sussex County Council planners approve a planning application that unnecessarily destroys more of our precious environment which then will be lost to future generations!	
	Traffic: the approx 300% increased HGV traffic movement will have severe impact on local villages and hamlets including Loxwood, Tismans Common, Bucks Green and Rudgwick. The proposed 42 HGV truck movements a day along both local lanes and woodland tracks interlaced with footpaths presents a safety hazard to other road users, to pedestrians and to cyclists. There are severe highways safety issues of HGVs existing the Loxwood Road at the A281 junction in Bucks Green. There's an acute highways safety risk along the narrow sections of the Loxwood Road from high passing speed vehicles (5.1m wide at narrowest and 5.5m for majority). There is also a highways safety risk as well as to residential amenity in the centre of Loxwood village itself if the proposal goes ahead without a routing agreement which is secured, adhered to and properly policed.	
	Our Ancient Woodlands and natural habitats should not be destroyed by this dangerously located and commercially unjustified industrial proposal.	
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