

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Lorraine Forehead"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="13 LAWNS COTTAGES, BAYNARDS, BAYNARDS, HORSHAM, RH12 3AE"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I object to the proposed clay pit for several reasons. There are many lorries currently on the road in the vicinity driving at high speeds causing noise, pollution and dust and this will be added to if permission is granted. This location is currently remote and tranquil but the proposed operation will have a significant impact upon the enjoyment of the walking routes I take with my family and dogs and horse riders will be unsafe riding to the location to use the bridleways. I object to the closure of yet more footpaths, namely 792-1 and the proposed development plan does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. This application is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location and it will not enhance, protect or complement the natural environment or rural character of the area. Nor will it bring demonstrable benefits to the local community. The proposed area is a greenfield site also and National Policy states that waste sites should be sited in built up areas or brownfield sites. The driving distance from the layby site to the A281 is 3.25 km. This exceeds the recommended distance. There is a further 1.3 km to reach the site from the lay-by access on woodland tracks thus making the total 4.55 km, mostly along an unsuitable, minor road. The application includes a 15,000 sq ft building in the woodlands, which will have an impact on the surroundings and landscape. The proposed development would result in unacceptable conflicts/impacts with adjacent and established farming activity. I have already touched on traffic but I am concerned that the increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on the local villages and hamlets and the significant increase in HGV traffic volumes will present a severed safety risk fro existing road users along Loxwood Road, which includes families taking their children to the local school. The proposed site access arrangements will pose a risk to to not only other road users but to horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians and there will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is narrow, less than 5.5 m along most of its length. There is a severe highway safety issue, at an already dangerous hotspot, from HGV's entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at Bucks Green. Then of course there is the impact at the lay-by itself where there will be disruption and loss of public parking and amenity at the lay-by. There will be unnecessary and damaging light, noise and dust pollution from wheel wash and staff car parking. There will be a conflict between the private vehicles and HGV's queuing, entering and leaving the proposed site which will create further risk for road safety.</p>
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