

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Geoff Evans"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="COPPER BEECH, THE RIDGE, THE RIDGE, HORSHAM, RH12 3HF"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I am most concerned at the proposed Clay Pit and Waste Site in the above planning application. My wife and I frequently walk in the woods where the site is proposed and along the roads where the HGV traffic to the site would transit.</p> <p>These woods are a walker's delight, being quiet, tranquil and having attractive woodland with a variety of birds and wildlife. The proposed development would obliterate an area of woodland and destroy the peace and tranquillity of the woods with a huge increase in noise and light pollution.</p> <p>I understand that the site will destroy 6 hectares of woodland in the pursuit of brickmaking clay. The developers use the argument that there is a vital demand for this clay whereas independent studies have shown that all national and local needs for clay are well met by present sites. Furthermore, this site is well removed from any brickworks so the environmental cost of transporting the clay is unacceptable.</p> <p>It is proposed that the clay pit will be filled by bringing building waste to the site and sorting it so that 50% of the waste can be used to backfill, the other 50% being transported off the site to other sites for disposal. This is a waste facility on a greenfield site which I understand is against National policy. It would entail the building of an approximately 15,000sq ft building in, what is now, pristine woodland.</p> <p>All this disruption would need HGV movements firstly through the woodland, then along a restricted width and potentially dangerous country road, culminating in a very tricky junction at Bucks Green in order to reach the A281. We frequently walk that country road and it is bad enough now when 2 opposing cars pass and you're on the narrow pavement or even worse, where there's no pavement; the thought of 2 heavily loaded HGVs passing head on fills me with dread.</p> <p>There will be a loss of public parking amenities in the layby at the edge of the woodland as well as an increase in pollution levels from the wheel washing facility proposed here.</p> <p>When considering this application, I ask you to keep in mind the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, and the Chichester District Local Plan for developments in a rural area. The proposed site does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community, it is not sensitive to its setting and it certainly does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment. I urge you please to not grant this planning application.</p>
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