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Objection

I am writing to object to the proposed Clay Pit, subject of the above planning application. My objections are as follows:

The proposed site is in an area of woodland that my husband and I frequently walk and know as a remote, quiet and tranquil area with attractive woodland abounding with wildlife and disturbed only by the sound of birdsong. It is totally unsuitable for the imposition of an industrial site such as proposed which would inflict unacceptable levels of noise, dust and light pollution, as well as putting a 15,000 sq ft building in the middle of pristine woodland.

A further effect on the environment would be the need to run many heavily loaded HGVs into and out of the site along a long stretch of narrow country road. Together with the challenging access into the site on a bend in the road and the hazardous access to the A281 at Bucks Green this will, potentially, create a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians. There will also be a loss of the parking facilities in the Pephurst layby. This layby would, with the presence of manoeuvring HGVs and a noisy and a dusty wheel cleaning area be a dangerous place for walkers to access footpaths into the woodland.

The developers are proposing closing one of the public footpaths in the wood for, what they describe as, a temporary period. However, this period is 30 years during which walkers would be deprived of access to the path. It is totally unacceptable to disrupt a public footpath.

It is questionable whether there is any demonstrable need for this site as studies suggest that present and future National and local need for brick clay is well covered by existing sites. This site, being remote from any brickworks would be environmentally unacceptable given the high environmental cost of transporting the clay.

The development does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community, it is not sensitive to its setting and it most certainly does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment.

Please do not grant this planning application.

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