## Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

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Objection

I am writing to object to this application on the grounds of its effect on historic features; its impact on the natural environment; and the effect on landscapes and character of the area.

I feel quite well placed to make these objections having lived on the area for nearly sixty years and being an adjacent landowner. My family bought Tismans Farm in 1960. We have farmed it in sympathy with the environment since then. Our mutual boundary is south side of footpath 792\_1, which is on Tismans Farm, and which Loxwood Clay Pits Limited ("LCP") wishes to move. I simple can't understand why they needed to locate the clay pit next to this popular, well used and ancient footpath. The fact that LCP are proposing to apply for it to be moved indicates that their development is not appropriate for the location.

Where Tismans Farm is adjacent to the application site, the northern edge of the claypit, the fields are known as "The Roughs" of "The Hope Roughs". They are a collection of relatively small fields with wide wooded strips between them. There is a dew pond in the middle with the remains of livestock fencing and an ancient wild service tree. Finding wild service trees in this area of the farm, there is another on the edge of the Sussex Border Path, support the assertion that these are areas of ancient woodland. According to the woodland trust, the wild service tree is an ancient-woodland indicator. They go on to say "if you spot it while you're out exploring, it could be a sign you're standing in a rare and special habitat."

Hope Roughs is one of the most peaceful areas of Tismans Far. Being nearly halfway between the A281, a major arterial road, and the much smaller, but increasingly busy "Loxwood Road" between Bucks Green and Loxwood, it is a rare undisturbed place. The is no noise from human activity on the ground, air traffic being the only human intrusion of nature. Any industrial activity in the area will immediately have a negative impact on the area and change it long unspoilt character.

I am deeply sceptical of statements made by LCP relating to the requirement for and scarcity of clay in West Sussex but other better qualified people will comment on that I am sure.

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