

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>As someone who was fortunate enough to grow-up in the idyllic setting of Tismans Common, the relevant proposal causes me great concern.</p> <p>After thorough investigation, I do not believe that there is any sound or conscionable justification for this application to be approved.</p> <p>The area of woodland under consideration was a happy and joyous area of free and safe play when I was young, and I am certain that the children currently living in the area would regard it in the same way. I see many of them playing in the woodland area when running or walking along local footpaths. The introduction of HGVs and a quarry site would present parents with a tragic dilemma. Restrict their children from playing freely in the woodland, or accept a vastly increased risk of harm to them.</p> <p>The damage and alteration to a tranquil and picturesque area of countryside would be completely unjustifiable. The area is remote and isolated, with fields and woodland; National policy clearly states that waste sites should be situated in built-up areas or brownfield sites.</p> <p>Further to this, I find the classification of the proposed closure of footpath 792-1 as "temporary" to be laughable. As I understand it, the path would be closed for 33 years, hardly "temporary".</p> <p>The roads in the local area are already in a questionable state of repair, and totally unfit to bare the load that would come with increased HGV activity. Local residents have already been subjected to years of HGVs tearing up verges, creating potholes and damaging bridges whilst travelling to the old brickworks on Lynwick Street. It would seem markedly unjust to force this upon them again, just as work at the old site is finally drawing to a much anticipated close.</p> <p>I appreciate that tough decisions must sometimes be taken for the greater economic benefit of a county or community, however I see no viable argument in this regard either. WSCC has more than 25 years of clay reserves and the local brick making industry is trending towards consolidation rather than expansion. There is no excess demand for clay the West Sussex area. I also highlight that, at a time when people are attempting to reduce their carbon footprint, the opening of an extraction site a considerable distance from the nearest brickworks would be uneconomical and unnecessarily harmful to the local environment.</p> <p>I implore the council to protect this area of British countryside, such that the next generation of West Sussex children can enjoy its beauty as I have.</p>
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