

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I strongly and object to the above planning application.

This is an area of great natural beauty. Swathes of the countryside are being eroded by developments on an unprecedented scale. Horsham is drowning in a sea of new housing with wildlife areas disappearing under bricks and concrete, fumes, noise and pollution. The pockets of quiet woodland where wildlife have at least a chance to survive and people have somewhere peaceful to enjoy must not be allowed to be destroyed by those few who seek only financial gain at the real human cost of those whose lives will be adversely and irreparably destroyed by this proposal should it be allowed to proceed.

This application seeks to allow this clay pit, waste and recycling to operate not for 3, 5 or even 10 years, but for 33 YEARS - over 3 DECADES - for 10 hours a day up to 6 days a week; week after week, year after year after year.

1. DESTRUCTION OF WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE . This area is quiet and rural with small villages and hamlets, the roads are narrow, lighting levels are low. The proposed development would cause light, noise and air pollution. Birdsong would be replaced by the sound of diesel generators and HGVs which will be pumping out pollutants; 42 lorry movements a day for up to 6 days a week in and out of the woodland - excavators, wheel washes, waste disposal. And the ancient woodland and wildlife? The beautiful walks through the bluebells? The tranquility and beauty? The peace? There wont be any. In short, this development will result in the the total destruction of everything that makes a rural environment just that.

2. DESTRUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT - This is a highly stressed area for water and this development would exacerbate this. Where would the substantial amount of water for their wheel washing come from from example?

Endangered species of wildlife such as rare bats and their roots would be further threatened. Local wildlife species and their habitats such has the badger sett near to the lay-by would be severely impacted or destroyed as a result of this development.

There is an irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland sited in the lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be located.

There will be an increase in the burning of fossil fuels and along with the removal of the tree canopy and felling of trees this will result in an increase is net carbon emissions at the very time when the many parts of the world are experiencing the devastating consequences of increased carbon emissions. Although this woodland may be considered as small and insignificant in a global sense it is representative of what is happening all over the world.

3. LOSS OF AMENITY. The applicants seek to drive their 42 lorry movements full of of waste and clay across (footpath 792-1) and alongside public footpaths which have been established and used daily for many years. Although it states that this is only temporary this 'temporary' means 33 YEARS of depriving the public their absolute rights to use and enjoy these footpaths safely and without hinderance or fear of significant danger from lorries thundering past them not to mention the pollution, dust and dirt they would throw up.

4. DEMAND FOR CLAY. WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report states that WSCC has over 25 years of reserves, so there is no demand nor need for more brick making clay. The statement that clay is needed for bricks is simply an excuse to dig a big hole and fill it with waste - a very profitable venture and the real reason behind this application.

5. WASTE - No need for clay for bricks from this site means no justification for waste disposal at this site. West Sussex has capacity for construction and demolition waste in already established and suitable areas so no justification for the wanton destruction of this woodland. The waste is where the profit is, where the few will make their millions at such a devastating cost to the many.

6. SUITABILITY OF LOCATION - National Policy states that waste sites should be sited in built ups areas or brownfield sires - not in Greenfield sites such as these woodlands. A 15,000 sq ft ancillary building and quarry in these woodlands where there are no other buildings would completely destroy and adversely impact the beauty of the landscape and would severely conflict with the adjacent and

established farmland and farming activities.

7. TRAFFIC - These are rural roads and narrow, between only 5.1m and 5.5m wide. The impact of 42 HGV movements for 10 hours a day, 6 days a week for 33 years will profoundly impact the small villages and hamlets and those who live there as they pass through with their noise and their pollution, not to mention the real danger they will pose for residents trying to safely exit from and return to their homes. Many homes are right on the road, the road which is narrow and the bends in the road can obstruct oncoming vehicles from view. There are no pavements in most parts of Loxwood Road meaning that the many locals who walk along the road would be significantly more at risk.

8. THE LAY-BY where the proposed entrance to the site is located is on a bend and is already quite dangerous to get into from Loxwood Road. Lorries queuing to get in will only exacerbate this and are likely to cause accidents. Horses and riders will be at even greater risk as will walkers and cyclists. Parking for locals at the lay-by will be disrupted. Dirt and mud contamination will encroach onto the surrounding roads.

9. DEVELOPMENT PLAN - This proposal conforms neither to The Loxwood Neighbourhood nor The Chichester District Local Plan for rural development. It is insensitive to its setting and location, nor does it enhance, protect or compliment its surroundings.

10. THE IMPACT OF ON MENTAL HEALTH of all those whose lives will be affected cannot and MUST NOT be underestimated. It will be absolutely devastating to so many and all because a few can make money. It cannot be permitted.

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