

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I STRONGLY object to the planning application.</p> <p>I have lived in Rudgwick for 29 years and, on countless occasions, have enjoyed walking our dog in the glorious Pallinghurst Woods. It would be an extra-ordinary act of vandalism to approve the application and to allow the applicant to destroy much of the wooded area. As is clear from the objections of many, there are major policy reasons for rejecting the application. My particular reasons for objecting, linking in to many of those policies, are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Brickworks in Sussex are well-provided for clay - a further very small source of clay is not required. The applicant hints that it will set up its own, small-scale, artisan brickworks making bricks by hand, using the clay extracted from the Pallinghurst Woods. This is risible. If it was a serious proposal, it would set up the brickworks first, using clay sourced from an existing supplier, and prove that there is demand for hand-made, small quantity, bricks.2. Sussex has sufficient waste recycling facilities to cater for current and projected needs. Those that do exist have a target and achieved rate of recycling around 80%. The applicant is seeking to create a new facility on greenfield space, far from the national major road network, with only a 50% target rate of recycling.3. The Loxwood Road leading to the site is narrow, undulating and winding, totally unsuitable for more HGV traffic - which the applicant itself estimates will increase by around 300% if the project is approved. Safety for other vehicles on the road would be significantly compromised, not to mention the many non-vehicular users on horseback, bicycles and on foot. Whilst the application states that the HGVs will travel east towards Bucks Green, in reality the applicant is unlikely to be able to enforce this instruction. Experience from other rural sites served by HGV traffic proves that effective enforcement of instructions is not possible.4. The operation will create huge amounts of noise in an area that currently has virtually no unnatural noise. Much of the mobile and stationary machinery will operate 5.5 days per week and some will operate 24/7.5. The access track from the road to the operational site will share, cross and be very close to a large number of public footpaths and bridleways. The danger created for those users would, in reality, render the footpaths unusable. The applicant seeks to close one stretch of footpath "temporarily" for 33 years. Extra-ordinary use of language!6. The environmental impact of the application will be very significant leading to a net loss of bio-diversity, as acknowledged within the application. To plan for environmental vandalism of this sort and scale should not even be considered. <p>In short, the application does not conform with many policies and local plans, is not sensitive to the area, will destroy considerable amounts of ecological habitats and will not give rise to any counter-balancing economic or other benefits for the local or national communities.</p>
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