

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Comments	<p>LCP Objection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Traffic. The increase in heavy traffic along relatively narrow roads will result in accidents. The proposed route is very narrow, just 5.1m wide, in parts. I use the designated routes frequently and have had to stop at narrow points due to lorries already using this road. It would not be possible for two lorries to pass each other at speed at these points. The significant increase in heavy vehicles will pose a huge risk to other road users. To reach my home I have to turn across the traffic on a bend where visibility is very limited (opposite the chapel at Tismans Common) and where vehicles approaching from the other direction cut the corner. It is already very dangerous with mostly cars cutting across the bend but heavy vehicles such as will be in constant use, will undoubtedly cause accidents at this point. Likewise the junction at Bucks Green onto the A281 will be hazardous for large lorries. Apart from the danger to drivers other road users would undoubtedly be at high risk. The roads the lorries would have to use are regularly ridden by both horse and bike riders and also walkers and joggers, who do not have the benefit of pavements. Having walked the road myself I know how dangerous it can be at present without an excessive amount of HGVs whilst riding a horse and being overtaken by such large vehicles is likely to cause numerous accidents.2. Environment. The development will cause an increase in carbon emissions and will have a devastating impact on the local wildlife. Trees are the most effective way of drawing down carbon and create a habitat with so many different species. This is a beautiful, tranquil woodland much of which is Ancient Woodland which, once lost, cannot be replaced. It is inhabited by badgers, deer and a host of creatures that are rarely seen. It has been a haven for many people for centuries and is probably one of the best places locally to visit to nurture one's mental health. To hear cuckoos in the Spring, see the carpets of English bluebells, and, if lucky enough, to see the bats in the evening (amongst which are four threatened species) much of which will be destroyed and replaced by industrial noise and pollution. The water level will also undoubtedly be affected by the felling of numerous trees. Having walked these woods for decades, I can vouch for how water logged the land becomes after heavy rain and in winter.3. Development Plan. At present the location is tranquil, peaceful and remote. There is very little background noise apart from birdsong. There is no artificial light and zero pollution. All this would change dramatically, not just in the woods but for miles around. The impact on walkers, horse and bike riders would be huge.4. Suitability of Location. It is an entirely unsuitable location as waste sites should be sited in built-up or brownfield locations. This is very much a greenfield site with a long established working family farm using fields for cattle in close proximity. The development and lorry movements are undoubtedly going to have an impact on farming activities. The distance from the site to the Lorry Route Network on the A281 also exceeds the recommended distance. The road quality is not good with many potholes which are obviously going to be made even worse by the huge increase in heavy lorries.5. Loss of Amenity. The site access will cross and run alongside established Public Right of Way routes which I, amongst many, have used for decades. The closure of footpath 792-1 at the Northern Boundary will be of great inconvenience and, if closed for thirty three years, will be beyond my walking lifetime and deprive my grandchildren of the same pleasure I've enjoyed. The dust, noise and pollution will undoubtedly have an impact on the Rikkyo School as the latter is just over half a mile from the development site. Indeed the noise and pollution will also have an impact on the families who live in and around the area. Noise travels easily in the countryside and many families will be affected. We have all purchased houses in this area for the very reason it is quite and peaceful with little or no pollution but many many families will have that tranquility destroyed for thirty years! The noise and damage that will also be caused by the lorries, often to listed buildings, will also be considerable.6. Development Plan. This development will not bring any benefits to the local community and does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Plan for development in a rural area.7. Demand for Clay. There is little or no demand for local clay as there are already three sites producing more than twenty five years supply plus the West Hoathly brickworks has closed and Pitsham do not use Weald clay.8. Waste Site. Without the demand for clay there is no reason for the proposed waste site. It is known that at present there is ample capacity of construction and demolition waste in West Sussex. The plan is only to recycle 50% of the waste which is well below industry standard and if this was increased it

would cause a further increase in HGV lorries.

9. I have lived in Tismans Common for thirty six years and have been enjoying the tranquility and sheer beauty of these woods for all this time. If this development goes ahead it will deprive not only me but countless others and generations to come of a truly wonderful area in which to walk and relax. Even after thirty three years it can never be returned to the wood which has grown up over hundreds of years. I would imagine that others who enjoy this woodland will, like me, not want to walk amidst industrial noise, vehicles, pollution and buildings where there was once rural calm and tranquility. Countless people will be deprived of their local walking, bike riding, jogging or horse riding area because who in their right mind would want to do any of the above in such a devastatingly altered environment. We who live here do so because we respect the rural nature and peacefulness of this area and appreciate that there is so little pollution and noise. In an age where we understand the importance of conservation and nurturing nature it would be an appalling act to desecrate such a beautiful woodland and all the biodiversity within for a development that is neither wanted nor needed locally.

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