Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application	
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Myfanwy Brooker

Address

1 BLACK BARN, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, CRANLEIGH, GU6 8HP

Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I strongly oppose this preposterous development for many reasons. The amount of extra noise, traffic, pollution and disruption to the countryside and wildlife will be unbearable and will ruin its rural nature permanently. The roads around here will just not be able to cope with the volume of traffic and the large tipper trucks. Another local road (Wildwood Lane in Cranleigh) has been utterly destroyed by these type of vehicles travelling up and down it and it has now become undriveable due to the risk of damage from potholes and fast-moving trucks coming the other way. The exact same thing will happen to this area, too.

This location is remote and tranquil - there is very low background noise.

Lighting will be required in the recycling and waste management building as well as the office building, car park

and wheel wash area. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none.

The proposed operation would have a severe impact upon the enjoyment of these walking routes for all users.

Diesel generators, creating pollutants and noise will be required for onsite power for an unspecified period of

time.

Bird song would be replaced by highly intrusive noise from tracked vehicles and excavators.

HGV movements, skip lorries and the wheel wash facility will create significant noise disturbance. Environment:

This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would further exacerbate this.

Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of

these will be amongst the first to be felled.

Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priority species). For example, the Barbastelle Bat

is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.

The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; removal of

tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor.

Greener environments are associated with better mental health and wellbeing outcomes, including reduced

levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue, and enhanced quality of life for both children and adults.

The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, there is an active badger sett within close proximity of the lay-by, parking and wheel wash area that was not referenced in

the application.

The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sighted (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable

designated Ancient Woodland.

Traffic:

The increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on the local villages/hamlets of Bucks Green, Tismans

Common and Rudgwick.

The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. This has not been fully assessed.

The proposed site access arrangements are not 'safe and suitable' as claimed and represent a severe risk to

other road users and pedestrians.

There remains a risk of impact on highway safety and residential amenity through Loxwood village unless a

routing agreement is secured, adhered to and properly policed.

There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most if its length.

There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at

Bucks Green.

There is the potential for damage to Listed Buildings which will be affected by increased HGV traffic along the

proposed route.

Please have the sense to refuse this application which is not needed here and will utterly devastate the countryside and beauty of this area.

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