

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Andrew Ritchie"/>
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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I would like to object to this application in the strongest possible terms.</p> <p>The siting of a totally un-needed claypit and waste facility in this site in Pallingham Woods is ludicrous on several counts. The prime reason given for the development is the local need for clay and new waste disposal facilities, neither of which are true. Local brickworks have over 25 years of clay resources and without the clay extraction there is no reason for a waste facility in this totally unsuitable location. There is already sufficient capacity for construction and demolition waste in West Sussex. The application states that the operators of the site intend to recycle only 50% of the waste delivered, which is an appallingly low figure, and far below current industry standards.</p> <p>Government guidance on the siting of waste sites says they should be in built up areas or brownfield sites. Pallingham Woods is neither. It is a totally greenfield site of ancient woodland, much used by the local population for recreational activities such as walking and other forms of exercise. The thought of walking there whilst heavily loaded lorries thunder past on unsuitable unmade roads, that are Public rights of way, is unacceptable. It will totally destroy a wonderful community facility, and pose serious health and safety issues.</p> <p>The increase in local traffic caused by acceptance of this application is another reason for refusing it. The local small lanes are unsuitable for use by a huge number of large industrial vehicles every day, and the pollution caused by a large number of such vehicles every day for 32 years or more should not be allowed to happen. It would be counter to every piece of advice and guidance the the Government has issued on 'going green', quite apart from breaking laws relating to these matters.</p> <p>The proposed plan ignores both The Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, and the Chichester District Local Plan for industrial developments in rural areas. It creates no benefit whatsoever to the local community. On the contrary, it would replace a tranquil rural area of woodland with a huge industrial complex generating vast amounts of noise, smell, dust, light and traffic pollution.</p> <p>The application should be refused.</p>
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