Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21	
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Type of Comment	Objection	
Comments	Having recently moved into Drungewick Lane, I strongly object to this application (WSCC/030/21). It is clear that the plan does not preserve, nor enrich the local natural environment and instead will compromise local residents profoundly.	
	The latest report released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on August 9th 2021 highlights that 'unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to close to 1.5C or even 2C will be beyond reach.'; just 1.5C of global warming will have several detrimental impacts to our Earth, including an increase in more extreme temperatures as well as impacts on the water cycle, sea levels and many more. Prime Minister Boris Johnson and COP26 President Alok Sharma have recently called for urgent steps to cut global emissions, yet approval of this development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions. At a time where preservation of our Earth is so crucial, how can we support a project that will make steps in the opposite direction?	
	Having suffered from bad mental health over the past few years, I have found that one of the few things that allows me to relax is by being surrounded by nature, such as by going for walks through the nearby woodlands (accessed through crossing Loxwood Road) and spending time outside in the tranquil environment. Spending valuable time in such a peaceful and biodiverse setting allows me to properly wind down and provides a chance for me to escape any anxieties I have about school or exams. Yet approval of this plan threatens all of this. Not only will the development have serious detrimental impacts on the rich local biodiversity, but it will also significantly affect the serenity of the local area through creation of highly intrusive noise, dust and pollutants. Whilst the proposed access site arrangements are claimed to be 'safe and suitable', the influx of HGV's using Loxwood Road will cause an already dangerous road to become a major safety risk to pedestrians and other road users, including myself and other members of my family.	
	With the national and local levels of clay requirements already met, it is clear that this planning application brings absolutely no benefit to both the surrounding area and nearby residents, bringing an abundance of harmful effects to the environment at a time that is so crucial for our Earth's future.	
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