

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I moved to Loxwood 4 yrs ago, attracted by the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the local woodlands. This development will create noise and light pollution where there is none. The amount of noise and pollution caused by over 40 lorry movements a day is totally unacceptable at a time when it is imperative that we cut down on emissions. Added to this the increase in net carbon emissions due to tree canopy removal and burning of fossil fuels within the development.</p> <p>I have huge concerns over the impact on the local wildlife and habitats. For example the loss of ancient woodland to accommodate a wheel wash, which will use large amounts of water a resource that is already highly stressed in this area. Further habitats for many other of our woodland animals and birds will be destroyed unnecessarily as this is all about the waste site which is not needed in West Sussex. In passing I note that these same directors previously set up a company called Loxwaste.</p> <p>I note that the plan is only to recycle 50% of the trucked in waste, this is way below the industries acceptable standards and any more would only increase HGV movements. None of which is necessary when there is currently sufficient capacity for Construction and Demolition waste in West Sussex. There is no justification for this unsuitably placed waste site.</p> <p>I also know that there is capacity for 25 yrs of clay production at other sites and therefore no shortage of bricks and brick reserves in either West Sussex or indeed nationally and this is all despite the closure of West Hoathly brickworks and less than 25 yrs supply at Pitsham brickworks.</p> <p>Location of this site is wholly unsuitable being in a greenfield site and is not in line with national policy which states that waste sites should be placed in built up areas or brownfield sites. Indeed the driving distance from the A281 access point, exceeds the recommended distance and will be mostly on an unsuitable minor road. These are pristine woodlands in which it is proposed to erect a large building which will visually impact the landscape. The development as a whole will further impact and conflict with adjacent and established farming.</p> <p>Access and safety of walkers will be greatly compromised with HGV's running across and alongside public rights of way, this is not what you expect to find in amongst woodland walks. I hardly consider closure of a footpath as temporary, when it will be closed for 33 yrs. I would no longer be able to park my car in the layby, to go for my walks, without the fear and disruption from queuing HGV's.</p> <p>Loxwood Road is used by many local people it is a narrow windy road and passing HGV's at any point is difficult in a car. I have witnessed, many times, the difficulties encountered by lorries and vans when passing at certain points and therefore the safety for all road users will be totally compromised when faced with many HGV movements each day.</p> <p>There are no pavements and pedestrians have to walk on the road the increased traffic from this site places them in severe risk of accident.</p> <p>Traffic passes at high speed on this restricted width carriageway, the safety on this highway will be acutely impacted.</p> <p>The junction of Loxwood rd to the A281 presents a severe highway safety issue. It is a narrow junction where at the neck of the junction it is only just possible for two cars to pass. I would imagine this will cause traffic queues on the A281 trying to access Loxwood Rd, when HGV's are trying to access the A281.</p> <p>Loxwood rd contains some listed buildings, they will be at risk of being damaged by the constant movement of increased HGV traffic. Just one small part of the severe impact upon local villages, should this planning go through.</p> <p>To sum up there is no justification for clay pits or waste/recycling provision in the area. Local people's safety on the roads and pedestrians will be severely compromised. The site is not sensitive to its setting and does it enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment. It doesn't bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community.</p> <p>It can only impact the beauty of our village and severely affect the residents mental and physical health.</p>
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