

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Simon Bates"/>
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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>This application seems totally at odds with current policy on greenfield sites. The area in question is a beautiful woodland with many footpaths that is used daily by many in and around Loxwood including myself.</p> <p>As far as I am aware, there is currently very little demand for clay for brick making and WSCC have several years of reserves, thus no further clay is needed, making this application a bit baffling. West Hoathly Brickworks has recently closed due to lack of demand, so is no longer in the market for clay and it is economically and environmentally unsound to transport clay over large distances.</p> <p>There is no proven need or justification for a waste site at this most inappropriate location - we have recently seen the waste site at Crouchlands fail, leaving a devastating effect on the natural surroundings and there is currently sufficient capacity for waste in West Sussex without needing to carve up an area of natural beauty. Why should villagers have to absorb the waste from our cities? Our environment is important - that woodland is the lungs of Loxwood!</p> <p>The huge building that is part of the application is totally at odds with the surroundings and will have a huge impact on the landscape. The impact on local farming would be catastrophic, particularly taking into account the number of HGV movements that are predicted.</p> <p>This proposal goes against the Loxwood Neighbourhood planning policy for development in a rural area and is in no way in keeping with the environment in which it will be situated. It is close to a School (Rikkyo School) and would adversely affect students and staff in this quiet location and many ancient footpaths and public rights of way, in use for many years would be carved up by access roads, providing even more health concerns to locals.</p> <p>The woodland is a very quiet, peaceful place but the noise pollution of these operations would definitely have a terrible negative impact on anyone choosing to walk in the woods and the animals and birds that choose to make their homes there; not to mention the pollution provided by generators, HGVs and other vehicles on site. Additionally there will be a huge increase in traffic along quieter roads through Loxwood and many rural villages including Buck's Green, Rudgwick and Tisman's Common. The B2133 through Loxwood, on which I live, is narrow and contains many blind bends. It is totally unsuitable for HGVs and the banning of such vehicles is a subject that is often discussed at Parish Council meetings due to safety and pollution; and many other local routes are simply not designed to take this sort of traffic.</p> <p>The impact on nature will be devastating. The trees, hedgerows and plants are part of the charm of this area. In spring, the bluebells are stunning and a highlight of a walk for many local residents and visitors to the area, providing a better quality of life and wellbeing for all who visit. The natural habitat is home to many animals and birds. I have seen many deer, badgers, bats and a huge variety of birds whose natural habitats will be ripped up to make way for an un-needed and un-wanted development. This totally unnecessary development will have an impact on many people in the area and has the potential to change a beautiful environment into an unhealthy eyesore, thus affecting property prices and the desirability of a wide district of this beautiful area. Surely you cannot allow this heinous proposal to go ahead!</p>
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