

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I wish to formally object to this planning application for the following reasons.</p> <p>An unacceptable increase of HGV traffic severely impacting local villages and causing a safety risk for other road users of the Loxwood Rd. The road is not wide enough to enable the safe passing of HGV's and other vehicles, especially at certain points where the carriageway is restricted and considering the high speed of the traffic using this road. It would also become impossible for pedestrians to use this road safely. This would be without doubt an acute impact on highway safety.</p> <p>The vibration of 40 odd HGV's a day passing listed buildings could also cause irreparable damage to these properties.</p> <p>The junction from the A281 onto Loxwood Road is narrow and often two cars are unable to pass easily an increase in HGV traffic will only make this worse, possibly causing traffic jams and is a severe highway risk.</p> <p>Further severe road safety risks will be generated at the proposed entrance in the layby, due to HGV's queuing to enter and to leave the site whilst private vehicles are trying to park where the parking has been lost or disrupted. Further safety concerns are that mud will contaminate the road despite the proposed wheel washing facilities in an area that is already highly stressed for water.</p> <p>There will be untold damage to the environment with mature trees being felled affecting the potential for roosting bats including locally four threatened species. The development will be burning fossil fuels creating an increase in net carbon emissions. The traffic movement and building within the woods will all have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species.</p> <p>Pephurst wood is an irreplaceable designated woodland and not a place to be creating noise and light pollution by becoming a wheel wash station.</p> <p>At present this area is remote and tranquil, with no light pollution, however should this proposal go ahead the waste management building, office building, car park and wheel wash area will all create light and noise pollution. Further noise and other pollutants will be generated by diesel generators for an unspecified amount of time.</p> <p>The noise created by the HGV movements, tracked vehicles, excavators and the wheel wash will be highly intrusive and create significant noise disturbance.</p> <p>Waste sites, should according to national policy, be sited in built up areas or brownfield sites. This site is neither. The site is also further from the road, on woodland tracks than recommended and a 15,000 SQ ft building amounts pristine woodlands would ruin the visual impact of the landscape and adjacent and established farming activities.</p> <p>There would be severe safety and health concerns to the general public due to HGV's running across and alongside established rights of way. The closure of a footpath is not temporary when it remains closed for 33 years, it is a loss of a local amenity. Consideration must be given to the health issues to students within the Rikkyo school due to noise dust and pollution being taken this way by the prevailing winds.</p> <p>I understand that according to the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring report there are already more than 25 yrs of brick clay reserves and therefore no additional demand as the national and local level clay requirements are already met. The Pitsham brickworks has less than 25 yrs supply but this is of a different clay and the closure of West Hoathly brickworks supersedes the applicants argument for demand.</p> <p>There is no justification for a waste site in this location without the clay extraction as there is already sufficient capacity for Construction and Demolition waste in West Sussex. This capacity is already established in more suitable sites. The proposed plan to recycle only 50% of waste brought on site is well below the accepted industry standard and does not improve recycling just provides waste to landfill. Improved recycling would create further HGV movements creating further distress to the area as a whole.</p> <p>This is a blatant attempt to ruin the local area and quality of the lives of the local people to enable the financial gains of a few through waste management in a totally unsuitable site.</p>
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