

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Comments	

I oppose the proposed development of a Construction Materials Recycling Facility (CMRF) & clay extraction at Pephurst woods on so many grounds:-

1. Safety at the woods at the Pephurst layby

HGVs exiting the woods at the layby onto Loxwood Road will need to use the whole width of the road. Thus, obstructing oncoming vehicles which on average, according to Protreat, are travelling in excess of 50mph.

The bridleway & PROW will run alongside & cross the route used by the HGVs. Horses, by nature, are flight or fight animals. The constant traffic of HGVs & the wheel wash will scare them & consequently cause them to spook creating a safety issue for riders & pedestrians alike. The bridleway will become unusable by those it is there to serve!

As the PROW runs alongside the HGV track the peace & tranquillity will be destroyed for any pedestrians. There will also be noise from the extraction, vehicles manoeuvring, the CMRF not to mention dust & light pollution.

2. Road safety

The width of the road is such that two HGVs certainly will not be able to pass at speed. Even at relatively wide parts the dustbin lorries slow to a crawl to pass each other.

Currently when large vehicles travel down Loxwood Road it is frightening being a pedestrian. With an increase of HGVs of over 200% it will not be safe to walk along the road, including children catching the school bus.

The safety of horse riders will also be affected. This development will result in an HGV passing at least every 15mins. It will be impossible to hack out without meeting at least one of these vehicles &, if the timing was not good, up to four. This would be detrimental to the horses & could mean a loss of amenity for some of them. This could be a huge effect on horse riders in the area bearing in mind that there are around 70 in the immediate vicinity. There will be disruption to traffic since horses becoming sensitive to large vehicles (including transit vans) as the numbers increase will result in traffic delays as the vehicles will need to stop & turn off the engine to allow horses to pass.

The junction with the A281 at Bucks Green also has safety implications due to the road widths there.

3. Listed buildings

There are several Listed Buildings (including our own) along the proposed lorry route & also on any alternate route lorries could take. This could have a damaging effect on the structures of these buildings & therefore the National heritage.

4. Loss of Habitat

The woods are home to a great variety of species including some rare ones (bats). This development will result in a negative biodiversity. Over 33 years the damage is unthinkable. Currently, there is an active badger sett close to the proposed entrance into the woods for HGVs despite Protreat saying there are no badgers.

5. Noise & Disturbance

The noise & disturbance in the woods & in the general area will be huge but especially for the owners of Ivyhurst at the layby who will have the wheel wash, carpark & entrance & exit to the site adjacent to their property.

All in all, on so many levels, this development is totally unsuitable for this very beautiful, natural

environment which has sustained so many for so many years & particularly recently during the recent pandemic. We are being encouraged to "plant a tree for the Jubilee" next year & here we are trying to prevent destruction of a woodland & disruption of a rural village.

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