Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Comments

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martyn ward

THE RED HOUSE, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3DR

Type of Ob Comment

Objection

Suitability of location

National policy is very clear in respect of waste site locations, they must be sited in built up areas or brownfield areas. The distance of the site from the main road in this proposal is well in excess of the recommended distance. In addition to this the application includes a 15,000 square foot building in pristine woodland. It also creates unacceptable conflicts with adjacent and long-established farming activity. This site fails on all fronts.

Linked to the location is the tranquility of the site with very low background noise. For the site to adhere to health and safety unnatural light would be needed creating massive light pollution in an area of natural beauty. Walkers, horse riders and lovers of nature and nature itself, will all be affected negatively at a time when the world is calling for us all to consider the damage we are doing to our own environment. Natural sounds of nature would be replaced by the noise of lorries and the recycling plant that would drone on hour after hour. Our natural environment and a place of tranquillity that will help improve both the physical and mental health of the locals who chose to live in the area for these reasons not to be near a noisy, polluting clay and recycling works whose only aim is to make money.

Traffic

A massive increase is in noisy, polluting, and dangerous HGV traffic down a road not wide enough for two wide vehicles to pass. Based on Loxwood Clay Pits Limited figures a 300% increase in HGV traffic is expected creating massive risk to walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. Many listed buildings are on the proposed route and are close to the edge of the road so it is conceivable that damage to part of this country's heritage will take place.

Pro treat have stated that the lorries will need to be on the wrong carriageway to exit the site, this is on a blind corner and a national speed limit, accidents will occur maybe deaths, for what, to make money for the owners of the land.

General

There are no benefits to the local area. The whole proposal is nothing but a commercial activity to make money out of recycling, the clay pit is a mere diversion in my opinion, three local sites have over 25 years of supply and a fourth has 24 which more than meets the WSCC requirements, in addition to this local site such as West Hoathley are closing so why is there a need to open more.

The environment will be devastated an increase in carbon emissions and a major impact on wildlife and species. Indeed 4 threated species of bats have been found at the site.

The noise of excavation, recycling, wheel washing will surely drive wildlife away as well as frightening horses on the adjacent bridleway

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