Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments

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Objection

I strongly object to the development on the following grounds:

National Policy states that this type of facility (Waste Site) should be situated in Brownfield sites or built-up areas. This is a Greenfield site.

The development does not conform with Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the rural character of the area or its natural environment.

The proposed development does not bring any demonstratable benefits to the local community, in fact it does the opposite but significantly affecting a site used extensively by local residents for walking by polluting the environment and increasing traffic on the unsuitable Loxwood Road.

There is no demand for additional brickmaking clay in WSCC as there is already a 25 year supply meaning the national and local level clay requirements are met.

Without the mineral site there is no justification for this facility as there is sufficient capacity for demolition and construction waste in West Sussex.

As well as HGVs driving alongside and across established Public Right of Way routes the development would result in the closure of footpath 792-1 (Northern boundary) for 33 years.

The development will mean a significant increase in the volume of HGV traffic along the Loxwood Road. There are often cyclists and horse riders along this stretch of road which is only 5.5m wide along most of its length meaning lorries currently are forced to straddle the white lines in the centre of the road.

Access to the site is on a bend and increase HGV movements will pose a threat to the safety of other road users. The proposed redesign of the layby will result in the disruption and loss of public parking.

The development will have a significant impact on local wildlife habitat and species including four threatened (priority species) including the Barbaselle Bat. The development will result in an increase in carbon emissions due to the burning of fossil fuel and removal of tree canopy.

The site is currently very tranquil with low background noise. The development will create light pollution and diesel generators, HGVs, tracked vehicles and excavators will generate significant noise pollution.

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