

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="COURTYARD HOUSE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0QZ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>There are a multitude of objections both myself and many others have to this proposed development. Firstly we must consider the environmental impact. Trees on the development site set to be felled have been identified as potential roost features for bats, not only is this destruction of habitat in of itself wasteful and cruel in any case, it is made more erroneous as four threatened species of bat have been identified on site.</p> <p>Furthermore, an estimated 300% rise in HGV traffic presents not only a safety issue for Loxwood road users , which has not been fully assessed, but will also cause a large rise in carbon emissions beyond the site itself; which already will already be high due to the burning of fossil fuels and the removal of tree canopy.</p> <p>Secondly, in objection to the clay pit specifically, beyond the proposed application not bringing any demonstrable benefits to the local community, it does not seem to bring anyone outside any benefit either (bar the company itself) as there is no demand for additional brick-making clay as it is reported WSCC already has more than 25 years of reserves. In addition, clay extraction is typically adjacent to brik making facilities; it is not only environmentally damaging, but also not economical to transport clay over any distance.</p> <p>Moreover, if we accept the lack of utility in the building of the clay pit, without the mineral site there is no reason for a waste site either. There is already sufficient capacity in West Sussex for construction and demolition waste in established locations further demonstrating the lack of necessity of such a site. On top of this, national policy states that waste sites should be built on brownfield sites or built up areas, given that this is a greenfield site this presents an obvious issue of the unsuitability of this location.</p> <p>Finally, the proposed application will have a demonstrable negative impact on the character of the area. The location is remote and tranquil - with very low background noise, this development would ensure that is no longer the case. Diesel generators will create air and noise pollution, and bird song will be replaced with intrusive noise from vehicles and excavators if this is allowed to go ahead.</p> <p>It is incredibly remiss of developers to not think of both the human and environmental impact of this application and I would urge the county council to reject this proposal for the reasons laid out above, and for many others I could add. Please consider these objections seriously.</p>
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