

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
Name	Christopher Bush
Address	7 The Riddens, Loxwood Road, Tismans Common, Rudgwick, West Sussex. RH12 3DR
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I wish to object in the strongest terms possible to this proposal to destroy forever a tranquil ancient woodland and turn a quiet rural area into a industrial zone, with no thought of the long term impact on our precious countryside or the local area</p> <p>Once started there will be nothing to stop the development expanding to cover all of the 13 acres owned by the proposers and once ruined, there will be no possible restitution - we cannot undo the damage ever</p> <p>Firstly, safety is a major issue. Loxwood Road is a country road, used extensively by cyclists, horse riders and due to the lack of a footpath, also by pedestrians with children and dogs The road is simply not wide enough to allow huge industrial lorries to safely pass any of the above, nor was the road constructed to withstand continual use by such vehicles, which can only result in early degrading and further collapse of the edges of the road. Also, Loxwood Road is the route used by the school coaches collecting local children for Weald school and there would not be sufficient room for these huge lorries to safely pass the school buses which make frequent stops to collect children and often pause at collection points. This will cause congestion with high potential for accidents I live on Loxwood Road and very recently, my husbands work van was parked in the road for a very short period and was rammed from behind by another car, causing major damage to the van and writing off the car, if this situation was compounded by huge lorries, the ensuing congestion would quickly bring the road and local area to a standstill I recently learned that the proposed entrance for the site has been moved to the layby, which is the entrance to a bridleway, extensively used by local horse riders, cyclists from near and far and walkers and also travelling from the bridleway on one side to the road to the other necessitates using a stretch of road, so there is again huge potential for serious accidents due to the narrow width of the road preventing safely passing horses, cyclists or pedestrians There do not appear to be any suitable alternative safe routes for the lorries to take as all the roads in the area are similar country roads and pass through small villages already congested by excessive house building</p> <p>The area proposed for use is a green field site (national policy states that waste sites should be sited in built up areas or brownfield sites) comprising ancient woodland dating back to the 1600's, this generation has a duty to safeguard such areas for future generations, the acres of bluebells provide much needed mental, physical and emotional support for everyone who visits the area, this will be destroyed forever by the proposed development, creating noise, pollution and turning a tranquil rural refuge for people and animals into an industrial zone</p> <p>The woodland area is home to many diverse species of animals and insects, including badgers (there are badger setts close to the proposed entrance layby that have been there for many years), 4 threatened species of bats, deer, foxes, rabbits, hares, squirrels and an ancient wildlife habitat with be destroyed forever simply for short term profit, because, lets face it, the proposal is simply a cover for a landfill site, using buzz words like recycling to sell it to the gullible - but is just a rubbish dump and totally unacceptable amid a pristine woodland, rural area. The proposal will not bring any demonstrable benefit to the local community but will ruin it with highly intrusive noise, pollution, dust, smell, potential danger to humans and animals, huge increase in traffic - all are unacceptable in the area</p> <p>The junction of Loxwood Road with the A281 at Bucks Green is unsuitable for regular use by huge lorries due to its design and is already part of the regular bus route for the 63 bus, the additional lorries will cause much congestion and increase travel times for locals using Loxwood Road and Bucks Green and greatly increase the statistical likelihood of serious accidents</p> <p>The proposed operation does not confirm with either Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. This application is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location, it does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area.</p>

The area is already a highly stressed area for water due to house building and this will exacerbate the problem massively

The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions for the burning of fossil fuels, removal of the tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor

There are currently numerous other clay pit sites in the surrounding areas, also sufficient landfill and recycling sites, a similar site in this rural area is unnecessary and unacceptable when considering the huge negative impact now and for the future

There is not one good reason to agree to this proposal, there is no benefit whatsoever, only destruction, the area is totally unsuitable for the proposed development, the increase in unsuitable traffic is unjustified, the destruction of trees and wildlife habitat is unwarranted, the huge increase in danger for people and animals and ruination of a tranquil rural area needs to be prevented and WSCC has the power to do that to preserve the area for future generations

There is too little detail on the application - presumably done on purpose - but how are the proposers going to sort and clean the CD&E waste?? extra strain on water supplies locally will adversely affect residents and disposal of contaminated water seems to have been overlooked. Also, where is the cesspit to be sited?

Destroying acres of ancient woodland, killing wildlife, increasing the danger to people and animals using the area - all for money, someone has to say NO, ENOUGH!!!

If not you - then who?

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