Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	OBJECTION TO LOXWOOD CLAY PITS I object to this planning application on the following grounds: 1. Lack demand for this clay a. West Sussex has more than 25 years of clay reserves b. there are three other clay deposits in the county which meet the national and local level clay requirements reserves. c. the proposed clay pit is far from brickmaking facilities and is environmentally destructive. Transporting the clay from this distant rural location to where it may be turned into bricks impacts negatively on too many environments. 2. I am against the proposal to site a waste recycling plant on this clay extraction site on the grounds that the location is unsuitable. The applicant's plan to recycle only 50% of the waste brought into the site is below accepted industry standards; there is sufficient capacity elsewhere in West Sussex where locations are more suitable. 3. I am against this application on the grounds of unsuitability of location a. the proposed site is a greenfield site. National policy requires that waste recycling sites be situated in built-up areas or on brownfield sites b. the actual driving distance to access a lorry route network exceeds the recommended distance. The additional distance of 1.3 km to access the pit area adds to the total transport distance. c. The building infrastructure requirements are excessive and will have a detrimental impact on the landscape d. the proposed site and clay extraction works conflicts with adjacent farming activity. 4. I am against this application on grounds of loss of amenity. a. HGVs will seriously compromise users of public rights of way by impacting on their right to enjoy a safe and healthy exercise activity 5. I am against this application on the grounds that it conflicts with Loxwood and Chichester plans for the development of this area. a. It would have a serious negative impact on the environment. b. There is no benefit for the local community c. there will be serious light noise and air pollution from the operation and vehicle movements in a remote and tranquil location 6. I am against this application on grounds of its negative impact on the environment a. there will be stress on water drainage and usage b. there will be a detrimental impact on protected wildlife c. there will be additional carbon dioxide emissions through the operation of equipment and through the felling of trees d. there will be a negative impact of operations on designated ancient woodland 7. I am against this application on grounds of negative impact on traffic. a. There will be a severe impact of transport HGV traffic going through my village of Rudgwick and the surrounding hamlets of Bucks Green and Tisman's Common. b. There will be a significant risk to pedestrians and vehicle users in when using the same roads as the heavy HGV traffic necessary for this application. c. This road is too rural and narrow to take the high additional traffic from HGVs d. there will be damage to local listed buildings by the increased volume of heavy traffic 8. I am against this application on grounds of the negative impacts at the access layby at its entry into the woodland. a. The traffic disruption, loss of public parking, noise and dust and light pollution from the activities will seriously compromise those living in the area, those using the highway, and those wishing to continue to access the woodlands on public footpaths for recreation. 9. Summary a. I object to this development because a supply of clay from this location is not required, b. the noise light and dust pollution generated is unacceptable; c. the traffic generated would create an unacceptable increase in risk to road users and pedestrians, d. and an increase in noise and dust pollution along the whole transport corridor. e. The loss of enjoyment of amenity for the local population that would be generated by this proposed extraction of clay and recycling of waste, is unacceptable.

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