

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="OAK GROVE, 9, OAK GROVE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0DN"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Re Loxwood Clay Pits development in Pallinghurst Woods (Planning Application WSCC/030/21), please see my objections to this unnecessary and environmentally damaging development below:</p> <p>The proposed development will ruin this greenfield site and damage local flora and fauna, as well as having a long lasting negative impact on this rural location.</p> <p>As most plastics, metals, aggregates and wood can be recycled, materials in 'trommel fines' do not need to be landfilled (according to the recycling industry). It goes against the zero waste to landfill goal. The construction industry already has a bad reputation by creating millions of tonnes of environmentally damaging waste each year.</p> <p>Damaging this greenfield site to create this pit and landfill is unnecessary as there is enough long term clay capacity, and landfill capacity, in West Sussex.</p> <p>The Routemap for Zero Avoidable Waste has been prepared by the Green Construction Board (GCB), Defra and BEIS. The diversion of waste from landfill forms a significant part in the delivery of Government's net zero carbon targets.</p> <p>Clay mining strips the land's fertile topsoil, inhibiting plant growth, and the majority of brick kilns are heated by fossil fuels, which contribute to climate change. The carbon zero target is already leading to development of bricks that have a much lower carbon footprint than clay bricks.</p> <p>Local air quality will be impacted by a 300% increase in HGV traffic and site machinery. These diesel vehicles will add carcinogenic substances to the air according to the World Health Organisation, as well as dust and noise.</p> <p>Pollutants on the site such as diesel, oil and toxic chemicals could soak into the groundwater. Clearing the land will cause soil erosion and sediment pollution in natural waterways which turns them turbid, destroying aquatic life.</p> <p>Loxwood Road is entirely unsuitable for HGVs and these will become a danger to all the cyclists, ramblers and car drivers who currently use this access to the village.</p> <p>An increase in this amount of traffic will also mean the road surface will deteriorate even more and ultimately cost more to repair.</p> <p>In April 2019, the County Council acknowledged the threat of climate change and passed a motion pledging to try to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030. This proposed development goes directly against the Council's ambitions by removing trees and plants that absorb CO2, increasing heavy traffic, using landfill instead of recycling, and supporting a climate damaging site that is not required in the county.</p>
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