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Planning Application Number WSCC/030/21

We object to this planning application by Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd. We know the area well since we regularly visit relatives in Tismans Common. This is a peaceful and unspoilt area of countryside. We do not believe there is any justification for allowing a waste site to spoil this beautiful area.

Allowing this planning permission would have a very detrimental effect on the character of the Pallinghurst woods. There will be a huge impact, with 6 hectares of woodland needlessly destroyed. We have walked in these woods and enjoyed the peace and beauty of the natural environment there. Also the repeated HGV movement on and across the Public Rights of Way used for pleasure and relaxation will badly affect the character of the area.

For a development of this size and the high level of heavy traffic, the operators are planning a long and dangerous route along narrow roads. There are tight turns from the main A road onto the minor road at Rudgwick, often further constrained by parked cars. There are blind corners along Loxwood Road. At 5.5 metres Loxwood Road is the narrowest width of road that is painted with a central white line, if it were any narrower, it would be a single track road. It is unlikely that heavy goods vehicles are able to pass one another at normal speed. It would lead to congestion and danger for other road users.

The speed limit is 40 mph for two thirds of the route where it is partially built up. There are some narrow pavements and some stretches with no pavement. The rest is derestricted. Walkers, families with children in pushchairs, cyclists and horse riders use Loxwood Road. It would be extremely hazardous to add dozens of HGVs travelling at 40 to 60 mph, with difficulty passing each other, on this narrow road. It would be extremely threatening for all these vulnerable users and is bound to result in conflict and accidents. It is a crazy idea, completely inappropriate and totally out of scale with the fragile infrastructure. This level of heavy traffic should not be permitted.

The planning amendments made to counter objections regarding the safety of access to the site have offered simplistic solutions without regard to the whole picture of traffic movement, speed and visibility. It does not appear that highway safety has been seriously addressed. Residents of the route area have justified concerns for their safety should this planning application be granted.