Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Alice Windsor

Objection

GREENWILLOWS, BUCKS GREEN, BUCKS GREEN, HORSHAM, RH12 3JJ

Type of Comment Comments

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As a local resident, and regular visitor to Pallinghurst Woods, I STRONGLY object to this planning application. It would have a devastating, irreversible impact on the environment and local wildlife, when we should be doing all we can to protect it at this most vital time in the fight against climate change, and be catastrophic for local residents.

I walk my dog daily in the woods and see for myself how much the community enjoys the beauty and tranquility of the woodland. I can't begin to imagine how walkers, cyclists and horse riders will be able to enjoy the footpaths and bridleways if there are lorries passing through 1.3km of the woodland. The noise and carbon emissions from the 42 lorries coming through daily will not only be unpleasant and inappropriate to the setting, but incredibly dangerous.

The distance from the site access point to the Lorry Network Route is 4.55km. This exceeds the recommended distance and the majority of the route is on a minor, unsuitable route. Cyclists, runners, walkers and horse riders frequently use Loxwood Road, of which only a small section has a pavement, and two lorries passing at the same time could cause a devastating accident. The road is not wide enough or at all appropriate for this volume of traffic. I live on the 30mph section of the A281 and speeding is already a huge issue with lorries frequently passing so fast they shake the house. West Sussex County Council have made no effort to address this severe problem or enforce any action - an increase of 300% in HGV traffic will not only make the noise for those living on the A281 worse, but an accident is inevitable.

As West Sussex County Council have more than 25 years of reserves for clay, and there is no demand for additional brickmaking, it would seem that the clay pit is a mask for a waste site in a hugely unsuitable location. This is a greenfield site and National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites.

This entire application is insensitive and the proposed plan does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. I sincerely hope that West Sussex County Council do the right thing and refuse this application.

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