

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Bente Salt"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="ROSE COTTAGE, GUILDFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SB"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I wish to strongly object to this proposal as this does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community as detailed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is no proven demand for clay in West Sussex. Even the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report confirms there is no demand for additional brickmaking clay with current reserves in excess of 25 years.2. As there is no demand for this clay, the application is simply a cynical scheme to allow a waste disposal company associated with the applicant to cheaply dispose of construction waste from Surrey in beautiful natural woodland in West Sussex. There is no evidence that additional capacity for construction and demolition waste disposal is required in the West Sussex area. As this is a greenfield site, allowing this to go ahead will be going against national policy. Approving this application is an environmental disaster waiting to happen. There is significant risk that the land will be contaminated and water courses polluted due to the limited amount of recycling and simply dumping everything else in a big hole on the site. Polluting companies go bust, the directors have no liability and it will be future generations who yet again have to rectify past mistakes.3. Furthermore, the proposed operation does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area. In fact it will destroy a remote and tranquil location. The development will have a devastating impact on local wildlife, including rare species, which we have been able to enjoy over many years and have continued to enjoy during the pandemic. Once it's gone, it's gone forever!4. The plan is to build a large waste sorting facility, which will blight the landscape. No doubt the intention by applying to build this facility is to extend the area over time to improve profitability.5. The facility will require both water and electricity. The area is already stressed for water and electricity will require noisy and polluting diesel generators. The development will result in an increase in carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; felling of trees; and digging up the forest floor.6. It is naive to think that the level of traffic associated with this proposal will be "limited" to 42 HGV movements per day. That is solely for the clay extraction and does not factor in the waste that will be driven in and out of the site. The application is purely focused on this traffic entering the site from the A281 at Rudgwick. The reality is that lorries will be entering and exiting the site from both directions. The junctions at either end are dangerous and visibility at the Loxwood end is obscured. In Loxwood HGVs will be passing access roads to the medical centre and to Loxwood Primary School where parents drop children off on Station Road.7. Being a frequent user of the road between Loxwood and Rudgwick, I have had to go on to the verge of the road when encountering lorries coming in the opposite direction. Then there are the blind bends which lorries will not be able to navigate without straddling the centre of the road. It will just be a matter of time before someone has an accident and gets seriously injured. The consultants used by the applicant have a casual view on lives lost to traffic accidents, which presumably is a reflection of the applicant's view on this matter too.8. Then there is the issue of safety of the users of the bridleways and footpaths around the site, which are regularly used by members of the public.9. The site will cause noise, dust and light pollution with devastating impact on the surrounding communities including Rikkyo School, which is located less than 1km from the site. <p>We know that we are located right on the border of the county and don't matter much when it comes to planning for what is best for our community. Please don't approve this and leave it for future generations to sort out the mess left behind.</p>
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