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Objection

Planning Application WSCC/030/21 Dear Sir /Madam,

Councils should now be moving to adopt planning policy to mitigate the use of building materials which create high levels of co2 emissions in their manufacture and move toward more environmentally sustainable materials. The impact of brick making is a significant factor in global warming.

The above application is of course not driven by any requirement or need for brick production but by the highly lucrative business of recycling and the requirement to dig substantial pits to lay a plethora of waste into.

In attempting to achieve this the applicant is prepared to impact the environment and amenity of a wide area to the detriment in every aspect and I can find no tangible advantage in allowing a recycling facility in this location.

Of particular concern to me is the destruction of an environment that I have enjoyed walking in for over twenty years along with countless others following recreational pursuits.

The introduction of an industry such as recycling requiring de-forestation can only be detrimental to a natural ecosystem which has existed for centuries and inevitably seriously curtail the habitat of many wildlife species, flora and fauna which exist on this site.

The access to the site is unsuitable lying on bend with limited visibility and at a point where drivers are travelling at speed.

I use the Loxwood Road on a daily basis and am aware of several pinch points and have frequently witnessed HGV's passing each other with difficulty and sometimes needing to retract driving mirrors to pass.

I am extremely concerned by the increased danger that the proposed HGV traffic will pose to pedestrian traffic including my daughter and other children who are picked up by the local Weald school bus. They have to wait on a narrow pavement and indeed to get to the pick up point the pavement on the Loxwood road is extremely limited. On the return drop off children disembark on to the Loxwood Road at points where there are no pavements at all.

Living on Hornshill lane we have witnessed an increase of heavier HGV's. I have on three occasions asked the drivers why they choose to turn off the A281 and use a narrow country lane through Tismans Common to access the Loxwood Road, rather than use either of the turnings adjacent to the James Paul dealership. The reason I was given on each occasion was that the turning angle was not suitable at the Bucks Green junction and that the road is too narrow for opposing vehicles to pass causing difficulty in accessing the Loxwood Road from the A281. The drivers familiar with the area therefore chose the Hornshill route in preference.

The junction at James Paul is also used as a turnaround for the local bus service and even the bus has difficulty negotiating the junction. It should also be noted that there is a bus stop here on a pinch point with a very narrow pavement.

I do not think that the Loxwood Road is at all suitable for increased HGV traffic for the above reasons.

Another factor of concern is noise pollution. Tismans Common lies about 800 metres from the proposed site. With the prevailing winds from the west and the ability for noise drift well documented there is high probability that noise from heavy machinery and reversing warnings will be carried to a wide area and impact the external ambience to residents.

I would ask that the council reject this application.

Yours faithfully

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