Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name Address WSCC/030/21

Mr Ivor Finn

Type of Comment Comments

Fayreways Loxwood Road Bucks Green Rudgwick

Objection

Objection to the proposal.

Damage to the environment. The proposed site will destroy an area of ancient and ancient replanted woodland. It will also do major damage to to the flora and fauna of that area. The movement of heavy goods vehicles and plant will cause considerable noise and atmospheric pollution to the surrounding area and with prevailing winds this will specifically affect the staff and pupils of the Rikkyo school.

There seems to be no clear cut need for more clay as the WSCC Minerals Monitoring report shows no demand for new clay sources from nearby brickworks which have more than 20 years local supply available. In fact the recent trend has been local consolidation or closure of brickworks, i.e. West Hoathly and Rudgwick.

Clay is a heavy, bulky uneconomical material to transport (hence brickworks tend to be adjacent to clay sources. The proposed route using forest tracks to Loxwood Rd, (1.3km) then along Loxwood road to the Lorry Route Network (A281), a further 3.25km exceeds the maximum national recommended distance.

The forest tracks are established public right of way routes which will be severely damaged and become extremely dangerous to pedestrians. In fact the applicants intend to close and re-route one of the tracks.

Loxwood Road is totally unsuitable to take extensive numbers of HGV's. Several long sections are so narrow that two HGV's could not pass without one or both of them encroaching on the grass verges. At the Bucks Green end of Loxwood Road, a downhill 30m.p.h. section (a limit which many motorists exceed) there is a single footpath which is so narrow that a person with a pram or buggy is forced to move onto the road in order to proceed. The proposed number of HGV,s would present a major hazzard to these pedestrians.

The proposed access point to Loxwood Road from the site is on a bend in the road at a point where the speed limit is 60m.p.h. An accident waiting to happen. At Bucks Green the access to the A281 is very dangerous due to very restricted views for traffic entering the A281 towards Horsham or leaving the A281 coming from Guildford.

On recent walks along Loxwood Road I have noticed that where the road surface has broken, the sub stratum has also failed. Increased numbers of HGV's as proposed are likely to destroy the whole road structure in a very shot time.

The inclusion of a Waste Site does not stand as this is a Greenfield sie and National policy states that waste sites should be in built-up areas or brownfield sites.

The proposed 15,000 sq ft building will be an eyesore in the middle of pristine woodlands and in an area without any other buildings.

Finally, the proposed development does not conform with the Loxwood neighbourhood plan.

It is destructive to the natural environment and to natural habitats and wildlife.

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