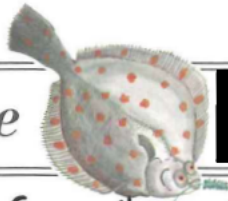


thyme & plaice



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The Chief Planning Officer,
County Planning,
West Sussex County Council,
County Hall, Chichester,
P.O. 19 1R.H.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Planning Application
W.S.C.C. / 030 / 21

I am writing to object in the strongest
terms against boxwood Claypits applying
for ANY development in Rithinghurst
Woods.

Without introducing any evidence, this
is an appalling application for water,
water reserves:

- There is no proven demand for clay
extraction, W.S.C.C. have sufficient
reserves, in fact, I understood there
are 3 brickyard sites with 25 years
supply of clay. Also, the proposed
extracted clay would be waste clay which

is not of much use.

- Without clay extraction there is absolutely No necessity for a waste site deep into Pullinghurst Woods. Currently there is sufficient capacity for construction & demolition waste in West Sussex in established, more accessible locations.

- This is a greenfield site, woodland, very special woodland, which is used by many, many people of all ages for walking, exercising, dog walking, horse riding, training of police dogs on a daily basis and has been for generations. As the pandemic has illustrated these "venues" are more and more necessary for mental & physical health.

- Applying to build a 15,000 sq. ft building in this woodland will have many negative knock on effects:

With large HGV trucks churning up the ground it will become a quagmire

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- on dirt tracks - the ground is clay which will produce huge craters, in turn, this will have a detrimental impact on the wildlife and biodiversity of the whole forest, worse in particular.
- In order to comply with highway regulations a wheel wash would be required, needing electricity and a water supply adding to pollution.
 - Many species of wildlife and insects live in these woods. The impact of this waste site will be devastating to it as a green corridor for dormice which are highly threatened due to loss of habitat, Marble White butterflies breed here likewise Red Admirals as well as many moths to just name a few. Many birds breed here likewise deer, badgers and smaller mammals.
 - The next enormous point I want to draw attention to is the assumption increase that would

being to traffic. I live on the Redgwick
boxwood road a few yards from the
St. John the Baptist chapel, which is
on a blind corner. This road seems
to be an unclassified road i.e. no
"B" number - it is ~~absolutely~~ very
dangerous due to drivers of all
vehicles disregarding the 30 mph.
speed limit. There are no footpaths,
no street lighting and it is
EXTREMELY narrow. How will two
H.G.V.'s pass each other safely? How
will I be able to cross with my
grandchildren and end up with
"live" small people? This is not
a suitable route to access the
A281.

I cannot see one beneficial element
to allowing this application. And
I hope the planning authority
rejects it on every account.
Yours faithfully

