

OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF LOXWOOD CLAY PITS
PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER WSCC/030/21

by [REDACTED]

County Planning
West Sussex County Council
County Hall
Chichester
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15th August 2021

Dear Sir,

I am 69 years of age and live at [REDACTED]

I have lived there all my life and worked for [REDACTED] for over 45 years as a tractor driver and Farm Manager at Songhurst Farm. My father was cowman at Songhurst Farm also for 45 years.

I have also worked in Pallinghurst Woods, which included the proposed clay pits site and was known as Songhurst Furze. In my spare time I helped with building the made up road through the woods, tree felling and copse cutting with my father for pea and bean sticks for sale and carting cordwood (branches cut off oak trees felled for timber).

A footpath from Loxwood passes my garden 250 yards away from the woods in question.

In the Spring when bluebells, wild purple orchids, primroses, fox gloves, anemones, celandine and wild garlic are in bloom, over 40 people a day pass over weekends also about 20 during the week. After entering the woods they disperse down paths and rides, hardly any keeping to the footpaths. It has always been used by several people every day and numbers have tripled the last 10 months.

So many people have spoken to me over the years, telling me how lucky I am to live in such a wonderful location. The woods are very well known for their beauty and people come from miles away to see them.

I have personally walked all the rides and paths in the wood over the past 55 years, many times a year and have never been stopped nor have any signs been put up to stop the public walking them.

I believe if this went ahead it would have a tremendous impact on the environment and also me personally.

I have heard rumours that this is a ploy to have a large incinerator built on this site at a later date.

