



11 August 2021

County Planning  
West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
Chichester  
PO19 1RH

Dear Sir/Madam

**PLANNING APPLICATION REF WSCC/030/21**

On behalf of Rikkyo School in England I wish to set out our objections to the proposed waste recycling plant and clay pits to be created at Pallinghurst Woods close to the site of the School.

Our main concern is the impact such a development would have on the well being of the school environment given its close proximity. We are a boarding school for approximately 190 Japanese students aged 10-18 years, and employ around 100 staff, and we are concerned that the health and wellbeing of both students and staff will be adversely affected by noise, dust and pollutants carried on prevailing winds towards the School. The School currently enjoys a relatively quiet, rural existence and this would be threatened by the additional noise and light pollution. Furthermore, we are located in an area which is already highly stressed for water supply and are worried that the development would further exacerbate this.

We are also concerned about the increased level of HGV traffic on surrounding roads causing additional pollution and presenting a severe safety risk to other road users and pedestrians. Traffic levels are already stretched given additional housing and development in the area and heavy works traffic will put additional strain on the roads.

The protection of the local environment is of great importance to Rikkyo School and the building of a waste site and quarrying operation would destroy the precious woodland and threaten local wildlife habitats and species, including bats and badgers.

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We consider that proposal for the clay pits and commercial waste recycling plant is not sensitive to its setting and does not protect or enhance the natural environment, nor does it bring any demonstrable benefit to the local community

We therefore strongly urge the Council to consider the arguments against this development

