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Subject: Planning Objection to WSCC/030/21 Loxwood Clay Pits
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Dear sirs

I am objecting to the application above due to the direct impact to me, I am part of the family most impacted by the application.

I have lived in the area since my parents moved back to Loxwood in 1972. My Grandmother lived in Songhurst House where I spent many happy hours walking around the farm and the woods that joined the boundary of our farm (Songhurst Farm).

I spent most holidays and weekends during my childhood on the farm visiting my Grandmother and uncle, always walking around the farm and through the woods. When I returned from 2 years away at college I moved into Keepers Cottage on Songhurst farm where I lived for 6 years. During that time I walked the woods nearly every day, they are a part of who and what I am. After getting married and moving to Haslemere I continued to visit my Grandmother and uncle on the farm as well continuing to work on the farm weekends, always including a walk in the woods. Since my grandmother died my parents moved back to the farm and I continued to visit and walk the woods with them and I continue to do so most weekends. In summary this would be devastating to me personally as well as ultimately financially, as I stand to inherit Old Songhurst farm with my brother and this would have a significant impact on the value of Old Songhurst Farm.

I am personally aware of a badger set approximately 300 metres from the proposed site which will be impacted and have marvelled at some of the creatures populating the woods including butterflies. The impact to the wildlife and Fauna is in my view unacceptable especially as my understanding is that the group applying for planning will aim to use the site for incineration of waste in the future. This area is not just beautiful it is quiet, serene and magical.

The introduction of the clay pit would introduce a huge number of heavy lorries which would not only impact the quiet but would also increase the air quality. The infrastructure in the area is already at breaking point with all of the building being forced on the area by the government. The environmental impact as well as financial to the highways for the increased heavy traffic I can only assume will be substantial.

It is my understanding from reading about the application, with reference to the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report, there is no demand for additional brickmaking clay. WSCC have more than 25 years of reserves. Therefore my only take is that this is just a way to create an area for tipping and incineration.

The pollution this would introduce to the area is in my view unacceptable, there must be other areas far more suitable where they are not areas of outstanding natural beauty like these.

It would be a travesty should this be approved and would bring into question the integrity of the

planning system.

Regards

