

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this development for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) Not enough demand for clay or additional waste sites:</p> <p>The limited demand for Weald clay is not strong enough to warrant the level of destruction and disruption to the environment that this site will cause. Detrimental effect to wildlife, natural habitats and the surrounding rural area far outweigh any perceived benefits of the site.</p> <p>West Sussex County Council have more than 25 years of brick making clay reserves, almost as long as the entire lifespan of the proposed development. National and local level requirements for clay production are already met. There is already enough capacity for construction and demolition waste in West Sussex at established locations.</p> <p>2) Environmental:</p> <p>The area is extremely unsuitable for such a development. As a result it would cause a very dramatic, and negative, change. We would be going from a quiet, peaceful area with no light pollution - to a hub of machine noise, industrial lighting and diesel pollution from machinery and vehicles, for 33 years. The transformation of a clean and quiet, unspoiled area into a noisy centre of pollution shows complete disregard for the wellbeing of our environment. It's recommended that such developments should be placed within brownfield or built-up areas, if needed at all. But this is in the middle of an unspoiled rural area that is enjoyed by walkers and local residents.</p> <p>3) Mental health</p> <p>Greener, quiet spaces such as the proposed development site are associated with better mental health, and the proposed development would turn a green quiet space into a noisy industrial space. This is a valued haven of peace and tranquility that is enjoyed by local people of all ages from the surrounding villages, myself included. Visiting this peaceful and natural habitat has genuinely helped me. The industrial noise, light and emissions created by the proposed development would very noticeably spoil this green and tranquil area, potentially having an adverse effect on levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue and quality of life for those who visit.</p> <p>4) Effect on wildlife</p> <p>This proposed development flies in the face of everything we are learning is most important in our increasingly enlightened society - we should be protecting and preserving our natural habitat, whereas this development would cause irreparable damage to wildlife and plant life for at least 33 years. For more than three decades, there would be a major impact on local wildlife and their habitats. There is a badger sett within close proximity, natural habitat for bats that would be affected, and countless current and potential habitats destroyed for all creatures within the area including birds, deer and insect life.</p> <p>5) Increase in traffic</p> <p>An increase of around 300% in heavy goods vehicle traffic on the Loxwood road is dangerous, irresponsible and poorly thought-out. There are no pavements and it is frequented by school children accessing the daily bus to the Weald school. This is a rural, narrow road that is not designed to cope with this volume of HGV traffic, and cannot be made suitable without further detrimental effects to the environment. Cyclists, pedestrians and school children would all have their safety severely compromised. Additional levels of noise and pollution from passing vehicles would massively increase, for those living close to the road.</p>
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