

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="SOUTH COTTAGE, LOXWOOD CHASE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0QW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I am writing to strongly object to the planning proposal for Loxwood Clay pits and recycling centre. Fundamentally, using a green fields site is completely devastating for the landscape, wildlife, local area and is a dangerous precedent to set in this rural area.</p> <p>I am a Headteacher of a rural primary school and my first objection is for the traffic of HGV trucks that will use the same road as many of the parents drive along at points through the day. This is a very narrow road in many places and a car and a HGV would not be able to pass in these places. The danger to parents driving, but most importantly, to families walking to and from Loxwood School. The very real danger in this rural location, of accidents to young children is considerable.</p> <p>The site is NOT needed for clay reserves in the local area as these local brick building companies have enough reserves and places to take more clay. I live 1 mile from the site, over the ridge into Loxwood, but I could still hear highly intrusive noise when the machines creating the roadway and gates when they were built. This is an area of tranquillity, low noise pollution and this development would ruin this green field site.</p> <p>At a time of the vital importance of climate change, and looking at our needs as society in different ways, it is a surprise that West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council are even looking at this possibility. This development will lead to a net increase in carbon emissions. This is unacceptable for a local authority to set this precedent of beginning developments of this kind on and through a piece of ancient woodland.</p> <p>As a piece of ancient woodland, with many ancient woodland indicator species in place strongly in these woods, it is unacceptable that this is being considered. The felling of key species such as oak will dramatically alter the ecosystem in this woodland, that is home to cuckoos, red kites and green woodpeckers.</p> <p>Before, during and after lockdown, this was a vital footpath area for the wellbeing of the local community and would damage and destroy an area which is used for improving mental and physical health. These values should not be underestimated in the current time, or into the uncertain future. As this is a site of many badger setts, including in the roadway into the site, I find it extraordinary that the felling license would even be granted in destroying this protected species' habitat. This area should be looked after, and not destroyed.</p> <p>Placing a large development within pristine woodlands does not give any benefit to the local community, therefore going against the local development plan. The noise, water and light pollution, alongside the irreversible damage on these irreplaceable ancient woodlands and habitats for flora and fauna, will be extremely damaging to the local rural area. There is no justification or reason for this site to be placed in this position.</p> <p>I hope that the County Council see these objections from local owner occupiers as being vital to their discussions. This is a worrying and devastating development and must be seriously considered as being impossible to allow.</p>
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