

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Planning Application Number: WSCC/030/21</p> <p>Dear West Sussex County Council</p> <p>I regularly walk in Loxwood's beautiful Pallinghurst woodland, observing the amazing flora and fauna that is a privilege to see in this rural countryside location but I was so distressed to hear about the planned activities by Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd.</p> <p>I would like to strongly object to these plans on several counts as bulleted;</p> <p>There is no demand for clay in brick making when there are plentiful supplies in other easily accessed sites which are expected to last for at least 25 years, plus the Weald clay is the wrong type of clay to make bricks with.</p> <p>There is no requirement for a waste recycling point in such an unsuitable location especially with sufficient waste capacity at other established easy access sites in West Sussex. In addition, the planned recycling of only 50% of waste with the remainder backfilling the site is wholly unacceptable and no way to treat this green natural habitat.</p> <p>This is not a suitable location, as it is a green field site which goes against national policy stating it will only use brown field sites for waste management facilities. Along with that, the erection of a large building and use of HGV's crossing over bridle and public rights of way make this an impossible situation and conflicts with the very nature of why the woodland is there.</p> <p>It is extremely concerning that a 300 acre site could impact so drastically on the wildlife, infrastructure and local community because of these ludicrous plans. Instead it should be preserved as a woodland and allowed to continue to nurture the complex ecosystems that it supports.</p> <p>With so many of our native and ancient woodlands facing such increased pressures from climate change and other factors, is not time to take a stand for our woodlands? Indeed, a report by The Woodland Trust says "The UK's native woodlands are reaching a crisis point, with just 7% in good condition, according to the first comprehensive assessment of their health." The Woodland Trust's report finds that woods are threatened with destruction by development, pests and diseases, pollution and climate change. Losing any woodland impacts native birds, insects and other animals which are in such steep decline as well.</p> <p>Pallinghurst woodland is one such place that needs safeguarding because the woodland itself is valuable as it is to ensure its rich inheritance for future generations. So I urge you to reject these plans and make the sensible and wise choice to choose to protect them instead.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Beverley Wilson</p>
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