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OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION WSCC/030/21

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This letter is to strongly object to the Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd planning application on the following grounds;

1. **DEMAND FOR CLAY.** Clay extraction needs to be close to brick making factories because of the impact of transporting heavy materials over increasingly lengthy distances. The brickworks at Rudgwick and Plaistow have closed down. According to the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report there is no demand for additional brick making clay as WSCC has 25 years of reserves.
2. **WASTE SITE.** If there is no clay extraction, the idea of a waste site in this woodland site is beyond unsuitable. There is sufficient capacity for Construction and Demolition Waste in West Sussex in far more suitable established locations.
3. **SUITABILITY OF LOCATION.** National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built up areas or brownfield sites. This is an area of beautiful tranquil unspoilt woodland and it seems inconceivable that even the idea of this sort of development should be considered. How can a large sorting building of 15,000 sq ft. possibly have no impact on a site noted for the abundance of nightingales? The road access will force the use of inadequate minor roads, to say nothing of forcing heavy vehicle access through this lovely area.
4. **DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** This application is completely insensitive to its setting and far from bringing any benefit to the local community would reduce the amount of available tranquil woodland for recreational use.
5. **TRANQUILLITY.** At the moment there is little noise in this area, apart from birds and the occasional harvesting noise. With increasing building in the surrounding villages and an increasing population these precious recreational areas really need to be cherished. The impact on mental health of the availability of local peaceful riding or walking areas was strongly highlighted during the recent Covid-19 lockdowns.
6. **ENVIRONMENT.** It seems there is little available underground water in the area. We were shocked to discover this when our own land was surveyed ten years ago. If the proposal is to use water from the mains, how would this be supplied? It would certainly lead to more disruption. I am also concerned with the disposal of liquid waste from the area. The planned development would inevitably also lead to a considerable amount of disturbance to the wildlife in the area including various species of protected bats since presumably lights for activity at all times would be needed.
7. **REASONS FOR OBJECTING.** This is not an academic objection and it has been hard for me to make a restrained objection to a proposal which seems to me to be completely monstrous and inappropriate. I walk in the these woods every day with pleasure and delight at the changing seasons, noting the presence or absence of birds and creatures. I've been joined over the years by my children (who roamed here through their untrammelled childhoods) and now by my grandchildren, who were simply aghast that this relatively small but magical area could possibly be considered for a dump, whatever weasel words are used to describe it.

Yours sincerely

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