Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Objection

I wish to object to Application WSCC/030/21 for the seriously adverse impact it would have on Pallinghurst Woods and the surrounding locality, on people, nature and wildlife.

This is a Greenfield site, Low Weald woodland, some of it ancient woodland. The development of a waste recycling plant here goes against National policy which directs waste plants to brownfield sites or build- up areas.

This development would produce significant noise in an area of rural tranquility, light pollution where there are now dark skies, a huge rise in emissions from generators and the many vehicles - including an estimated 42 HGVs per day, and from the waste itself.

The application if allowed would involve tree felling and the destruction of woodland, just at the time when Central Government intend to increase woodland cover nationally, in a time of pressing climate emergency.

If allowed, the development would destroy important natural habitat in eco emergency. Pallinghurst Woods supports at least 4 species of bat, including the rare Babarstelle, clearly at risk from tree felling, and all highly sensitive to the noise and disturbance that such operation would produce. Badgers, another protected species, are also known to be present.

The HGV movement on, across and beside the network of public rights of way would pose a risk to those enjoying outdoor exercise in nature - people walking and riding horses - which promotes health and wellbeing. The industrial noise and activity, the polution and indeed the visual impact also would impact them adversely.

The local, rural roads would become quickly congested by the volume of HGVs and other traffic associated with this development, raising risk to other road users such as cyclists and pedestrians, and increasing pollution.

This goes against the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan and the Chichester District Plan for Development in a rural area. The waste plant should not be sited on this Greenfield site, and there is enough capacity for construction and demolition waste elsewhere in West Sussex. There is also no demand for clay, with many years supply at other sites.

Please turn this down.

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