Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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LOWER HILL BARN, GUILDFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3BE

Objection

I strongly object to this proposed development. These beautiful mature woodlands are definitely not a suitable site for a large, recycling facility. Any industrial building here will not be in keeping with the surrounding area which is mixed woodland including ancient woods. There is no necessity to destroy this greenfield area as there are sufficient suitable sites on brownfield land much nearer to the urban sources of building waste thereby reducing vehicle movements and hence emissions. There is also no need for a new claypit as there are already sufficient clay reserves for 25 years.

As a member of Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation, I am particularly concerned about the impact on our local wildlife and biodiversity. No healthy mature trees should be removed at a time when we should be planting more to fight climate change. The trees are home to so much wildlife including bats, many of which are protected species. The existing rides (tracks) encourage butterflies - I have seen Purple Emperors, Fritillaries & White Admirals and know that there are Wood White there too. It will take a lifetime to restore this diverse habitat once lost.

Noise & dust from the site and additional HGV traffic will increase affecting residents as well as wildlife. Pollutants blown on prevailing westerly and south westerly winds will potentially impact a large area including us and our neighbours, Rikkyo School (particularly at risk because of our elevated position) The health implications are serious for asthmatics and those with other health problems. The increase in HGV traffic along the country lane and at the junction with the A281 is a very real danger to walkers, equestrians, cyclists and local traffic.

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