

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="YEW TREE HOUSE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0RB"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Since 1983, we have regularly been walking in Pallinghurst woods, both through the planned area and especially along the northern boundary of the proposed development (I believe this is footpath 792-1, our most favourite path). This is a place where the song of nightingales have delighted us day and night. We have also seen tawny owls, warblers and many other birds and animals. It is a haven for wildlife and containing huge numbers of mature trees, both deciduous and including some wonderful pines. This development would destroy not only the area of the proposed quarry and recycling centre, but would ruin the entire woodland around, due to the noise, the danger from heavy goods vehicles and damage to the local ecosystem.</p> <p>And for what? This is Wealden clay, not the clay for which there is a market! In any case, there are plenty of other producers of clay - there is no shortage, as the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report showed. There are three other sites with supply for the next 25 years. But there is a shortage of large enough areas of unspoilt woodland.</p> <p>The idea of a recycling site being in this area, with all the noise and danger from HGV traffic crossing and wheel washing facilities, is abhorrent. We understand that this will include a 15,000 sq ft building and it is clear that this will also introduce significant light pollution in a currently wonderfully dark area (I enjoy astronomy and that activity would be adversely affected.)</p> <p>Loxwood has recently had and will continue to have a lot of further new housing developments, so the water system is already under great strain (as is also the sewage system) so the site's use of water would have a damaging effect on the residents of the area. Moreover, the increase in housing will already result in more road traffic, so to triple the amount of HGV traffic, which this development will do, is bound to lead to a sharp rise in the number of accidents. These are relatively narrow roads - only about 5.1-5.5m wide - and already frequently suffer congestion. The junction with the A281 at Bucks Green is already narrow and potentially dangerous - to have HGV traffic using it will multiply the risk several times.</p> <p>In short, this proposed development is in the wrong place (recycling sites should be on urban or brownfield land) and will damage a really precious area of natural peace and beauty. It will create significant safety risks for pedestrians, horse riders and ordinary road traffic, will cause light and air pollution and will do nothing but harm to local residents.</p>
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