

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
Name	Sam Curling
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to object to Loxwood Clay Pits planning application number WSCC/030/21. I believe this application to be wrong on a number of different counts and contrary to both local and National planning policy.</p> <p>The proposal has been made without considering the impact it will have on the local roads, the community, the environment, the wildlife and the impact it will have on the whole site which has been appreciated by many people for many years for its pure beauty and pleasure. It would be a tragedy for this to change.</p> <p>I believe the consultants' reports submitted by the applicant appear highly ambiguous and do not demonstrate an independent perspective on the risks and impacts of the location. There is absolutely no benefit to any of the local community, residents, businesses, or amenity opportunities and it is likely to have a very negative effect on biodiversity and health and wellbeing of all local residents and users.</p> <p>I believe the application should be refused for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Environmental Impact<p>The proposed site is greenfield and sits within ancient woodlands, alongside farming fields, livestock, ponds and waterways with rich biodiversity and the proposed activities will destroy huge parts of the local environment through dust, carbon emissions, noise and light pollution and vibration. Regular habitat surveys will demonstrate a rapid and irreversible decline of biodiversity across a wide area beyond the clay pit.</p><p>For example the development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitats and species. There are active badger setts within close proximity of the site and some of the mature trees on the site that are likely to be felled first have been identified as having potential roost features for the priority species of bats identified on site.</p>2. Road and Infrastructure suitability<p>The proposed route to and from the site assumes that 40 HGV vehicle movements per day for 33 years would have little or no impact on the rural roads, nearby properties, listed buildings, farmland and watercourses. In fact the impact on infrastructure across the neighboring rural environment is highly likely to be disastrous including a danger to lives along a narrow, winding and already busy rural Loxwood Road.</p><p>Walkers, cyclists, riders and local drivers use the woodlands, footpaths and Loxwood Road all year round. There is a school bus route with stops along the Loxwood Road and access to numerous public footpaths onto the road, which means that the proposed HGV route will create an extraordinary amount of danger to all users.</p>3. Lack of Demand<p>The application has been made on the basis that the company wants to extract clay for brick making but it is documented in the WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report that there is a lack of demand for clay in West Sussex. Given the lack of demand the application is therefore an excuse for a waste recycling operation in a very unsuitable location. Local planning policy requires such centres to be on brownfield sites, close to major road networks - neither of which apply to this site.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to consider all objections that have been submitted by those whom it will most affect and take into consideration the policies put in place both locally and nationally to prevent such proposals as this being allowed. We must consider the impact to the greater number and to the environment rather than the financial benefits of one company.</p> <p>Sam Curling Tismans Common Resident</p>
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