

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Pauline Griffiths"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="THE BRAMBLE HOUSE, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3DW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>The area proposed for the claypit is a Greenfield site and not a built up area. The proposed operation does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community, quite the opposite. The effects of the Loxwood Claypit would be stripping away the quiet enjoyment of the woods, a tranquil area of natural beauty, removing a public footpath used frequently by our local community. The environmental effects would be quite significant, conservation being the most severely impacted in particular the access track would pass through several areas of Ancient Woodland home to Category A oaks and some rare-in-Sussex sessile oaks. The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species, such as bats and badgers. It would be utter destruction at a time when we should be focusing on conservation.</p> <p>The significant increase in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. The road is only 5.1m wide at its narrowest. HGVs need at least 6m to pass safely. There are several side roads and many entrances onto the road, no pavement or lighting except in Bucks Green, and no speed limit in the western stretch. Apart from road safety, issues include air quality and noise levels.</p> <p>WSCC's Minerals Plan 2018 - 2033 state there is enough clay available within the county for 25 years. Loxwood is not near any brickworks and clay is not cheaply transported and the site is not located on the Lorry Route Network which begs the question, do we need clay?</p> <p>Cumulatively I consider the development would not suitable for the area and wholly unacceptable in planning terms.</p>
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