

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I am baffled that such an application has been submitted. Quoting the latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report, WSCC has more than 25 years of reserves, with three existing sites - there is no demand or need for additional brick-making clay. West Hoathly brickworks was even closed recently, further demonstrating the lack of demand.</p> <p>I am therefore unconvinced that the true purpose of this submission is to get access to the clay. The real motivation seems to be to use the clay site as an excuse to create a rubbish tip where un-recyclable junk can be disposed of in the name of profit, ruining the natural habitat and environment of the surrounding countryside. It would be an absolute travesty to allow such a waste site to be established, in green countryside and woodlands which are already disappearing from the country and should be protected at all costs. There are plenty of brownfield site alternatives for waste sites, and creating one on a greenfield site is absolutely unjustifiable.</p> <p>The local environment cannot and should not support such a development. There is no adjacent brickmaking factory, therefore the clay would have to be transported over a considerable distance. With dire warnings on environmental impacts and global warming, we should be looking to reduce carbon emissions wherever possible, not opening new operations which would unnecessarily increase them.</p> <p>Furthermore, the massive increase in HGVs will be very dangerous and have a significant impact for all road users, but especially pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Loxwood Road can barely cope with the number of HGVs that use it now, and it is not a robust or wide thoroughfare. There was even a pedestrian fatality on this road last year. The road junction at Bucks Green, near the proposed site, is difficult to get out of even in a car and there are regular accidents there as visibility is extremely poor. If this proposal goes through there are bound to be more frequent, serious accidents as these large, cumbersome vehicles try to enter the main road.</p> <p>This impact will not just be to main roads. There is also a proposal to close one of the local footpaths for a ridiculous 33 years! Quoting that as a 'temporary' closure is absolutely unfathomable and flies in the face of all local residents. These HGVs would also be travelling through the wider public right of way routes, regularly used by pedestrians and horse riders for recreation. This would pose significant danger of collisions and accidents, with horses being easily spooked by loud noises and pedestrians often wearing headphones on footpaths and bridle paths which are meant to be safe and free of vehicles.</p> <p>Unbearable noise will replace the peace and tranquillity of the area in daylight hours. Light pollution will ruin the hours of darkness, affecting natural wildlife in the area. Dust, diesel fumes and odours carried by the wind from the site will be deposited over the surrounding area making life markedly unpleasant and ruining the clean country air local residents currently enjoy. This includes the nearby Rikkyo school, a boarding school home to 300+ students and staff. Studies have shown that excess exposure to airborne pollutants can increase child mortality rates.</p> <p>What little employment opportunity (if any) the development might create will in all likelihood be filled from outside the area. There is no viable public transport anywhere near necessitating commuting by private vehicle, adding to the traffic and carbon emissions.</p> <p>There is no benefit for the local community - it does not conform with the recently published Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, and does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or the local area. On the contrary, it will bring only destruction and pollution, in exchange for a material that is not even in demand and for which there is no local or national shortage. I strongly urge for the rejection of this poorly thought out, greedy and deceptive proposal.</p>
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