

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Archie Sleeman"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="IVYHURST, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0RW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I live at Ivyhurst, the house situated at the layby by the proposed site entrance. I cannot stress strongly enough how much I object to the application to build a quarry and commercial waste recycling facility in pristine woodland at Pallinghurst Wood. I understand that WSCC have more than 25 years of clay reserves so there is no justification to dig for clay under local or national requirements. No clay pit/quarry means nowhere to put construction and demolition waste, so therefore there is no justification for a 15,000 sq foot building amid pristine woodlands, no justification for 42 HGV movements per day, for 33 years, along rural roads that are not on the lorry network and 1.3km into the woods, across public footpaths and bridleways.</p> <p>I strongly object to the fact that a commercial operation can propose a plan that will affect the visual amenity and character of the neighbourhood, endanger the safety of people living alongside and travelling along Loxwood Road and cause severe health &amp; safety concerns for members of the public trying to enjoy the woods. Public rights of way are exactly that: public and a right. The applicant does not have the right to propose the closure of a public footpath for 33 years. Users of the PROWs will be subjected to noise, dust and pollution from HGV vehicles when they have a right to breathe fresh air in the woods. Horses and young children and even dogs may be terrified by being so close to industrial machinery, may panic and become extremely distressed.</p> <p>My younger brother has autism and is extremely sensitive to noise. I don't know how I could help to keep him calm if we have to stop and be herded at gates whilst lorries trundle by, the vibrations and sounds causing actual physical pain to his ears. He has a right to enjoy the peace and quiet of the woods, as do all the other users, but he couldn't cope with the disruption and unpredictability. Currently it is so quiet you can actually hear the cows munching grass, the wind whistling in the trees, and the birds singing. Not only will he not be able to access the public paths he may very well not be able to enjoy our own garden either, as the HGVs will enter the layby site about 25m behind our garden. Noise and dust travel. Currently our garden is as peaceful as the woods. It is a safe space for him, this will be ruined. Add to this the car park and incredibly noisy wheel wash being proposed behind our house, all illuminated in working darkness hours, and he'll probably never want to go into the garden again. He's not old enough to object in his own right but his voice needs to be heard.</p> <p>The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. I urge you to reject the application as it is contrary to the UK Government's own 25 Year Environment Plan (EP). The EP Progress Report of April 2019-2020 comments on the government's commitment to improve the environment within a generation. It states that "we will also lead by example at home by investing in nature through our Nature for Climate Fund. This includes establishing 30,000 hectares of woodland in the UK per year". Note the plan to establish new woodland, not destroy current woodland. Also on page 10 the government state "we are committed to connecting people of all backgrounds with the environment to improve their health and wellbeing".</p> <p>In summary, the government says: "In our 25 year Environment Plan we are committed to protecting and enhancing England's biodiversity on land, in freshwater and at sea. This includes creating or restoring 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat outside protected sites on land by 2042." I urge you to reject the planning application as ripping up 6 hectares of woodland for clay that isn't needed to refill it with industrial waste and create, as the applicant admits in their documentation, a biodiversity net loss is against Government Environmental Policy and common sense.</p>
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