

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Lizzie Maclean"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Little Spy Cottage Spy Lane Loxwood RH14 0SQ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>With regard to application (WSCC/030/21)</p> <p>I object strongly to the application being made for the reasons laid out below.</p> <p>There is no need for the clay. The latest WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report suggests there is no demand for additional brickmaking clay. WSCC have more than 25 years of reserves.</p> <p>With no need for clay, there is no need justification for a C&D waste recycling site. Equally, there is sufficient capacity for C&D Waste in West Sussex in locations that are far more suitable.</p> <p>The site is completely unsuitable for the proposal. Loxwood road is rural and mainly used by cars, tractors, horses, runners, cyclists and pedestrians and the proposed 300% increase in HGV movements will create a 300% increase in the risk of accident or injury. The road will need significant repairs with the increase in traffic. Policy insists rural areas should only be used for this sort of development if more suitable sites are not available and there are plenty of brownfield (and existing) sites much better sited on (or with better road access to) the Lorry Route Network.</p> <p>There will be a severe loss of amenity from a development on this scale throughout the currently tranquil woodlands and along the rural Loxwood Road. 42 lorries a day running through the layby parking will scare users of the countryside away.</p> <p>Footpath 792-1 is a crucial path that connects many other public rights of way in the woods. A 33 year closure of this path will stop people enjoying the area. The proposed diversion is a fill 1.3km long and will discourage people to use the woods. As far as I am aware, a public right of way (especially one in public land) should not be moved for the benefit of a private individual in all but extreme circumstances.</p> <p>The proposed development does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. It is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location. It will decimate a tranquil setting. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area.</p> <p>As planning policy, the site should not be considered for development when other more suitable sites exist that are much closer to the Local Lorry Network and not in pristine ecological condition in rural areas and on rural roads.</p> <p>In a time when carbon reduction is becoming paramount, the County Council should be measuring projects by their overall carbon impact and there are far lower carbon impact solutions to clay extraction and C&D waste recycling that using a remote, highway dependant solution in pristine woodland than what is being proposed here. Especially if the planning authority would be allowing this to continue past the zero carbon deadline of 2050.</p> <p>I strongly object to this proposal that is contrary to a myriad of local and national planning policies. The proposed site is a haven for wildlife and recreation all of which would be decimated when there are many more suitable sites throughout the county.</p> <p>Lizzie Maclean</p> <p>Loxwood Resident</p>
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