

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>We have lived in Tismans Common for 12 years and have walked in the tranquil and beautiful woods that are the subject of this planning all this time and enjoy it greatly. During this time we have seen rare birds such as woodsnipe and badgers. We object to this planning application for the following reasons:</p> <p>Tranquility This location is remote and tranquil - there is very low background noise. Lighting will be required in the recycling and waste management building as well as the office building, car park and wheel wash area. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none. The proposed operation would have a severe impact upon the enjoyment of our walking routes. Diesel generators, creating pollutants and noise will be required for onsite power for an unspecified period of time. Bird song would be replaced by highly intrusive noise from tracked vehicles and excavators. HGV movements, skip lorries and the wheel wash facility will create significant noise disturbance.</p> <p>Environment: This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would further exacerbate this. Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled. Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priority species). For example, the Barbastelle Bat is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species. The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; removal of tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor. Greener environments are associated with better mental health and wellbeing outcomes, including reduced levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue, and enhanced quality of life for both children and adults. The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, there is an active badger sett within close proximity of the lay-by, parking and wheel wash area that was not referenced in the application. The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sited (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland.</p> <p>Traffic: The increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on us at Tismans Common. The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. This has not been fully assessed and as we walk and cycle along this with children, we are very concerned about the danger. The proposed site access arrangements are not 'safe and suitable' as claimed and represent a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians. There remains a risk of impact on highway safety and residential amenity through Loxwood village unless a routing agreement is secured, adhered to and properly policed. There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most of its length. There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at Bucks Green.</p> <p>Impacts at the lay-by:</p>

The movement of HGV's and the proposed redesign of the areas will result in disruption and loss of public parking and amenity at the lay-by.

There will be significant light, noise, and dust pollution from wheel wash and staff car parking.

There will be conflict between the private vehicles and HGV's queuing, entering, and leaving the proposed site

which will create a further severe road safety risk.

Despite the proposed wheel washing facilities, there remains a significant potential for mud contamination on

the surrounding roads. The applicant has not specified a centrifugal wheel cleaner (as was required at Rudgwick Brickworks) this type of wheel cleaner would generate further significant noise.

We are appalled at the thought of losing this ancient woodland and very concerned about the ensuing danger with traffic and damage to our beautiful environment and losing the tranquillity we enjoy currently.

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