

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Comments

I am 86 years old and have lived on Loxwood Road for over 50 years and during that time I have seen a steady increase in traffic and also in the size of vehicles using this road, bearing in mind it is used a thoroughfare to Loxwood and beyond from Horsham

I am extremely concerned about the safety of all the people using Loxwood road. There are many cyclists and local horse riders using the road regularly, often groups of up to a dozen cyclists at a time and just further down the road from me, there is no footpath, so pedestrians have no option but to walk in the road. It is quite frightening to walk along the path from my house to the next turning on the right, which I used to do daily to walk my dog and we frequently had to step into driveways to avoid the very fast and large lorries, tractors and vans speeding down the road and the amount of lorries proposed to be using the road will make it dangerous too just going out for a walk. The government has been encouraging us all to go out for walks more, but it will be too dangerous around here if this proposal goes ahead

The school buses for The Weald school have a pick up point outside my house several times a day and often pause there to collect children and I cant see that the lorries will be able to pass the buses while stationary, due to lack of space and poor vision.

My neighbour has measured the road outside our houses and it is 5.3m wide - I understand the lorries to be used are approx 2,5m wide excluding wing mirrors, so how are they to pass each other safely, at speed, with wing mirrors out, without terrorising pedestrians or injuring them? and what happens along the parts of the road with no footpath?

Also, it is often necessary for vehicles to be parked outside our houses, which will cause more congestion and danger - the man cutting my hedge had his wing mirror smashed off so hard that most of it ended up flying into my neighbours drive and a couple of weeks ago, my neighbours large van was slammed into by a car travelling too fast into the sun and in the morning, the sunrise means the sun shines directly into oncoming vehicles, who are highly unlikely to notice pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders - I feel the danger posed by these lorries is enormous and totally unnecessary, as there does not appear to be any benefit whatsoever to local residents or the local area

Most of us who live in The Riddens on Loxwood Road have small driveways and have learned to reverse in as it is difficult to pull out safely and dangerous to reverse out onto the road. One of my neighbours has a caravan and needs to reverse it in and I worry that a lorry hammering round the corner would not have time to stop

Also there is a chapel on the bend in the road just past my house, which requires people crossing the road to enter it - they will certainly need God to protect them from the lorries !

There are no checks on the speed of vehicles on this road, vehicles coming from the Loxwood end, often build up speed on the straight bit after the Mucky Duck pub, then hit the right hand bend and come past The Riddens far too fast, only yesterday I saw a large tractor and huge trailer going far too fast (at least 40-50mph) past my house going into the bend towards Loxwood, such that vehicles often end up in the middle of the road on that bend, where there are houses as well as the chapel and it is also a road junction with vehicles turning in and out of the side road with restricted visibility

I have attached 2 photos giving some idea of the problems faced on this country road from large vehicles using a road not designed for that type or volume of traffic, the edges of the road are already damaged and collapsing from current traffic levels, let alone all those lorries too

I have walked my various dogs in the woods in question for probably over 50 years as I have lived locally much longer than I have lived in this house, the woods are tranquil haven for wildlife and a necessary escape from busy lives for everyone who visits them - they are necessary for the health and wellbeing of all the people, dogs, horses that use them

I understand that the SARDA organisation use the woods for training their search and rescue dogs,

who can then go on to save lives, local youth organisations use the areas to teach young people about conservation, wildlife, care of woodland areas which are all vital educational needs for our young people and all this would be destroyed forever by the proposed desecration of these lovely woods, the stunning display of acres of blue bells in the spring is a sight to behold - bluebells in all directions which fill and lift the heart and soul

I am also very concerned about the likely increase in noise, fumes, dust from the proposed development and detrimetnal effect all these thundering lorries with have on our houses, as the those in teh THe Riddens have stood since 1905, but all the vibration from the lorries could well cause us structural issues with our houses

This is a rural area of Sussex, not an industrial one, Loxwood Road is a country lane, not a main road, Tismans Common and Loxwood are small country villages not designed for industrial traffic on a daily basis and the proposed development is an abomination and a blight on the landscape - anyone with sense can see that and muse oppose it vigorously

Please please understand you have to refuse this application - there is not one reason to approve it

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