

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Richard Meanwell"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="GLEBELANDS, 7, GLEBELANDS, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SW"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>One of the sections of the route the HGVs will travel along is regularly walked by residents of Loxwood, including my family, and is a Public Right of Way. We moved to Loxwood last year for village life, including a quieter lifestyle, lack of light pollution, and a safer environment for our daughter to grow up in. She loves the woods, and we regularly walk the area - including what will become a HGV thoroughfare if this application goes through. The proposed route for the HGVs also goes along roads with narrow pavements. Some of these pavements are already too narrow for a buggy or walking rucksack, either due to the pavements themselves or hedges that are left untrimmed, and we regularly need to lean or actually move into a road to pass. With quiet village roads, this is not much of an issue, but with the increased HGV traffic, particularly with drivers having to follow a timetable every half an hour or so, this is significantly increasing the risk to walkers.</p> <p>Loxwood already has issues with drainage, particularly with the large number of new properties being built with insufficient drainage because of issues with Southern Water. This clay pit can only exacerbate this issue, and this could increase flooding chance. We have also been informed that there is an active badger sett close to the areas that will be used by the HGVs that was not included in the original planning application. The site also includes an area of Ancient Woodland, which would be reduced or removed to accommodate a lay-by parking area and wheel wash site.</p> <p>I am also surprised to learn that WSCC has more than 25 years of brickmaking clay in reserves, so this proposal is not needed. Presumably, the clay will then be transported significant distances to whichever brickmaking facility purchases it, creating greater environmental impact. Without the clay extraction, there is no need for a waste site. Waste sites should be built on brownfield or in built-up areas anyway, and they're only intending on recycling 50% of the waste. The distance to be travelled by the vehicles exceeds the recommended distance, and would require the removal of woodland to put up an enormous building in an area where there are none.</p> <p>This seems to be a proposal purely based on the profit of the company concerned. While I understand the economic benefits for the company concerned, it will have no positive benefits for the local community and significant negatives both for the residents and on the local environment. We moved here so my daughter could grow up in a wonderful place where we can go out of our front door and almost immediately be in wonderful woodland and countryside, not so she has to watch out for HGV drivers on a deadline driving down Public Rights of Way, and so she can hear birds and see wildlife and the stars, not listen to diesel generators and have light pollution like where we moved from.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention. Dr Richard Meanwell</p>
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