

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Address	BAOBAB, FIVE OAKS ROAD, FIVE OAKS ROAD, HORSHAM, RH13 0RL
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>1) Not enough demand for clay or additional waste sites:</p> <p>The limited demand for Weald clay is not strong enough to warrant the level of destruction and disruption to the environment that this site will cause. The loss of wildlife and biodiversity is unjustifiable and disproportionate to the gain. National and local level requirements for clay production are already met.</p> <p>2) Environmental:</p> <p>The area would be changed irretrievably and beyond recognition by this development. It is a rural area, a wildlife hub and unsuitable for heavy construction sites, which are not recommended for such areas.</p> <p>3) Mental health</p> <p>Greener, quiet spaces such as the proposed development site are associated with better mental health, and the proposed development would turn a green quiet space into a noisy industrial space. Mental health has to be a priority for our communities at this time more than ever, and this development would have a severe and negative impact on the mental health of this community, and remove a valuable refuge for others.</p> <p>4) Effect on wildlife</p> <p>This proposed development flies in the face of everything we are learning is most important in our increasingly enlightened society - we should be protecting and preserving our natural habitat, whereas this development would cause irreparable damage to wildlife and plant life for at least 33 years. For more than three decades, there would be a major impact on local wildlife and their habitats. There is a badger sett within close proximity, natural habitat for bats that would be affected, and countless current and potential habitats destroyed for all creatures within the area including birds, deer and insect life.</p> <p>5) Increase in traffic</p> <p>An increase of around 300% in heavy goods vehicle traffic on the Loxwood road is dangerous, irresponsible and poorly thought-out. There are no pavements and it is frequented by school children accessing the daily bus to the Weald school. This is a rural, narrow road that is not designed to cope with this volume of HGV traffic, and cannot be made suitable without further detrimental effects to the environment. Cyclists, pedestrians and school children would all have their safety severely compromised. The health and safety of the entire area would be compromised.</p>
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