

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I object on a number of grounds against this totally inappropriate development in pristine and tranquil woods which will have a significant negative impact on the environment, local wildlife habitat and species. , loss of amenity for both residents and visitors and the creation of large volume of dangerous traffic on local unsuitable roads.</p> <p>I object on the following grounds -</p> <p>Impact on local environment -</p> <p>Major adverse impact if the development goes ahead on local wildlife, such as bats with 4 different protected species on the site, badgers and other local wildlife. There are a number of mature trees which will be destroyed, this will lead to an increase in net carbon emissions and removal of tree canopy and impact on woodland floor. The development will exacerbate an already highly stressed area for water. The lay by parking area where the wheel was area is proposed is in an area of irreplaceable ancient woodland. There will be noise and light pollution which will have a significant negative effect in the surrounding areas, the 6 day a week operation will have a severe affect on the enjoyment of the public throughout the woods, the tranquil location will be destroyed for a generation, beautiful bird song replaced by excavators, lorries, diesel generators belching pollutants and noise and lighting up the area during dark winter mornings and evenings.</p> <p>Traffic -</p> <p>The local roads along which access is proposed are not suitable for large HGV lorry movements on the scale proposed. Pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers use this road frequently and this traffic represents a severe safety risk. The increased use of large HGV's on this small road with narrow widths will be dangerous. Highway safety and residential amenity on local villages will be compromised. Potential damage to local housing including to listed buildings. The layby proposed for use will become a dangerous area both for access, disruption and loss of public parking for an area currently used by visitors to park and walk. Increase in pollution and mud contamination on surrounding roads.</p> <p>Local development plan -</p> <p>Does not confirm with the loxwood neighbourhood plan or Chichester district local plan for development in a rural area, The proposed development is completely inappropriate for the area, it is not suitable for its setting in size and location and brings no benefits to the environment of the local community</p> <p>Loss of Amenity -</p> <p>The woods are used by the local community and visitors for walking, admiring the beauty and peace of the woodland and animals and flora and fauna. Dog walkers use the area and the site has long historic and well used public rights of way which is totally at odds with large HGV's driving through the woods. I have significant health and safety concerns . It is totally unacceptable for the temporary closure of footpath 792-1 - and a significant diversion for 33 years - how can 33 years be temporary !!! Noise, dust and pollution will emanate from the site and will affect walkers and a local School.</p> <p>Location -</p> <p>National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built up or brownfield sites not a greenfield site. It is too far from a main A281 road is over 3 miles and exceeds recommended distance with a further 1.3km being driven through wood, the total distance of over 4.5km is along unsuitable minor roads and paths for large scale HGV lorry movements. To build a 15,000 sq ft building in pristine woodland is completely unacceptable, there are no buildings currently within the woodland and the development would have a significant adverse visual impact on the landscape. There is local established farmland with grazing animals and the development will have adverse impact on that activity. Noise and light pollution from the site will affect the area and community for the 6 days a</p>

week operation proposed.

Waste site -

There is sufficient capacity for construction and demolition waste in West Sussex so there is no justification to create additional capacity in an unsuitable location. To only recycle 50% of the waste is below industry standards however any increase would further increase HGV traffic.

Demand for clay -

There is no local brickworks to make use of the clay extracted, most clay extraction is located close to brick making factories. This means any extraction would be unsuitable and environmentally impactful. West Sussex County Council have more than 25 years of reserves so there is no further demand for additional brickmaking clay. There are three sites with 25 years supply and a further one with 24 years supply so there is no local or national requirement for the extraction of clay in this totally unsuitable location.

This proposed development is against all common sense damaging the local rural environment with industrial development in a rural area. The beauty and tranquillity of the area will be destroyed and will adversely affect the local population and wildlife.

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