

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Huw Thomas"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="LUTTMANS FARM, BRICK KILN COMMON, BRICK KILN COMMON, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0HZ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>At a time when we are facing twin global climate and biodiversity crises and the government has set targets for massively increasing UK tree cover, we simply cannot afford to be losing mature woodland and hedgerows that provide habitat to a range of endangered species.</p> <p>In particular, it makes no sense to permit this destruction when there seems to be no desperate need for additional clay pits and when a recycling facility could (if needed) be much more appropriately developed on a brownfield site, in line with national planning guidance.</p> <p>Leaving aside those two most critical reasons for objecting, this proposal would (as a result of the development itself, the number of associated HGV movements and the concomitant noise, pollution and dust) be severely detrimental to the amenity value of the adjacent woodland and the character of the local area.</p> <p>It also fails to conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. It is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area. It does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community.</p> <p>Given the environmental implications and the impact on amenity value and the character of the local area, the bar for approving this application ought to be extremely high. There seems to be nothing about this proposal that satisfies that high bar.</p>
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