

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Tom Crofts"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="RIDGEWAY, POND COPSE LANE, POND COPSE LANE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0XF"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I object to this application for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This site is unsuitable as it is a greenfield site that would destroy ancient woodland as well as other woodland leaving a significant impact on the landscape.</li><li>2. The site would impact existing farming activity.</li><li>3. Loss of amenity - HGV's will run alongside and cross established public rites of way; routes used by members of the public leading to significant health and safety risks. The proposal would also lead to the closure of footpath 792-1 for 33 years which would be a huge inconvenience to local residents. I believe it also goes against local bylaws.</li><li>4. The plan does not enhance protect or improve the local environment or rural character of the area. As such it does not benefit the local community.</li><li>5. The local area is remote and quiet and the tranquility would be damaged by light and noise pollution, birdsong would be affected and replaced by intrusive noise disturbance</li><li>6. Traffic- there will be a 300% increase in HGV traffic impacting the local villages and presenting a severe safety risk for local road users and pedestrians including children from the local schools. The road is not suitable for this amount of HGV traffic. The loxwood road is a maximum of only 5.5m for the majority of its length. As a result I have major major safety concerns regarding this.</li><li>7. Environment- bats will be affected that roost in the trees that would be felled, including the Barbasdelle bat that is internationally protected. More broadly, this development will have a major impact on local wildlife including potentially rare species of flora and fauna.</li><li>8. The development will increase carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels and the felling of trees would go against government policy.</li><li>9. A greener environment leads to better mental health and well-being outcomes including the reduction of depression, anxiety and quality of life for both children and adults. Recently there has been an increase of mental health cases due to lockdown and COVID and this application would increase the risk of mental health cases for local residents now and in future should there be another lockdown.</li><li>10. The demand for clay is not there. There are 3 sites with 25 years supply and one with 24 years meeting National and local requirements. We should be consolidating brickworks rather than opening new ones. Lastly, there are no brick making facilities near this site making it environmentally wrong to transport clay over this distance.</li></ol> <p>I believe this application is unsound and without justification due to its unsuitability as a site and the environmental damage it will cause. The applicants proposals do not meet local and National government policy and does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment. It also does not benefit the local community as such I hope the planning committee rejects this application.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Tom Crofts Ridgeway Pond copse lane Loxwood West Sussex Rh14 0XF</p>
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