Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments

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Objection

Dear WSCC

I write to object to this awful application in the strongest possible terms.

The reasons for objection are almost countless, but those that stand out for me are briefly as follows:

-As I understand it there is no real need for clay in the county or nearby. As such the applicant is presumably more interested in the hole/s that a clay quarry would generate, into which it would tip waste over a period of 33 years. If that is true then it is a very cynical plan which should be given short shrift by WSCC;

-Who on earth would think it a good idea to propose a waste tip and recycling operation in the middle of such well-established, tranquil woodland? Even if there were a need for more construction and demolition waste capacity in the county, which I believe there is not, wouldn't a sane operator look to position such facilities on brownfield or built-up sites? If they do not, as is the case with this application, then with respect I would say it is the planning authority's duty to make them think again; -The question of location feeds into another seemingly mad element of this application; at least 42 lorry movements back and forth along narrow, twisting country lanes, across woodland tracks and well-loved public footpaths and bridleways, and through ancient natural environment. Really? You couldn't come up with a better plan to imperil health and safety, environment and local amenity if you tried; and

-Finally, trees. I understand WSCC has a policy/tree plan which only allows ancient and veteran woodland and trees to be interfered with in truly exceptional circumstances. This application, if approved, would inevitably destroy areas of ancient and veteran woodland, not to mention the associated latticework of symbiotic ecosystems and threatened wildlife species. While this application is indeed exceptional in its arrogance and folly, I cannot see anything in it that would justify WSCC departing from its stated determination to preserve this priceless natural heritage. For all these reasons, and more, I would ask WSCC to refuse this awful application.

Best regards David Wright

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