

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Site access for HGV's will run on, alongside, and across established Public Right of Way routes regularly used by members of the public - giving rise to severe safety and health concerns.</p> <p>The application proposes the closure of footpath 792-1 (Northern Boundary) with a significant diversion, at great inconvenience to users. Whilst cited as "temporary" this closure would be for 33 years - a whole generation.</p> <p>Prevailing South Westerly Winds will carry any noise, dust, and pollutants towards Rikkyo School (circa 300 students and staff) which is in an elevated position less than 1km from the development site. This location is remote and tranquil - there is very low background noise.</p> <p>Lighting will be required in the recycling and waste management building as well as the office building, car park and wheel wash area. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none.</p> <p>The proposed operation would have a severe impact upon the enjoyment of these walking routes for all users.</p> <p>Diesel generators, creating pollutants and noise will be required for onsite power for an unspecified period of time.</p> <p>Bird song would be replaced by highly intrusive noise from tracked vehicles and excavators. HGV movements, skip lorries and the wheel wash facility will create significant noise disturbance. The increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on the local villages/hamlets of Bucks Green, Tismans Common and Rudgwick.</p> <p>The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. This has not been fully assessed.</p> <p>The proposed site access arrangements are not 'safe and suitable' as claimed and represent a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians.</p> <p>There remains a risk of impact on highway safety and residential amenity through Loxwood village unless a routing agreement is secured, adhered to and properly policed.</p> <p>There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most of its length.</p> <p>There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at Bucks Green.</p> <p>There is the potential for damage to Listed Buildings which will be affected by increased HGV traffic along the proposed route.</p> <p>This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would further exacerbate this.</p> <p>Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled.</p> <p>Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priority species). For example, the Barbastelle Bat is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.</p> <p>The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; removal of tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor.</p> <p>Greener environments are associated with better mental health and wellbeing outcomes, including reduced levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue, and enhanced quality of life for both children and adults.</p> <p>The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, there is an active badger sett within close proximity of the lay-by, parking and wheel wash area that was not referenced in</p>

the application.

The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sighted (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland.

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