Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

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Objection

This will destroy an area of ancient woodland of which we have precious little left, I believe less than 3% of the uk landmass is designated as ancient woodland. The effect on nature in the local area will be impacted upon, the desired site is in the middle of wooded areas which can only be reached by driving through more wooded areas. Large HGVs, heavy construction plant and ground clearing machinery will need access, some many times a day, creating noise and fumes across the whole area. The HGVs supplying the construction waste centre will deliver huge amounts of goodness knows what materials, asbestos based materials are not unknown in the construction industry, then carry away whatever the company can sell for profit leaving the residue to be buried under ground. This recycle facility will create it's own adverse effect on the local environs through noise, dust, fumes, being produced while it does its' work. On top of that recycle vehicular traffic there will also be the clay removal HGVs moving to and from the site. All of this will be heavy traffic on unsuitable roads through what is currently quiet countryside. Driving, horse riding, or just walking down West Sussex B roads and lanes is becoming a very dangerous pastime as we dodge 8 wheeled construction lorries from the vast amount of housing construction sites across the area and this initiative will merely add to those issues. Policing the traffic will be challenging to say the least so assuming that they will keep to designated roads, at designated speeds, at specified times will be a naive approach, the companies who utilise the facility will be on deadlines. That is the nature of their industry, time is money and shortcuts will be taken making life more hazardous for the villages and villagers in the area. Should the planning be permitted to go ahead I believe that the whole character of the surrounding areas will be harmed, how can it not be? The adverse effect on the wildlife cannot be ignored, destroying woodland for private company gain is untenable, the increase of potential injury or death through increased heavy traffic on country roads and lanes could be viewed as reckless.

Granting permission now will inevitably place pressure on neighbouring fields, woodland, open areas for more of the same. We see it every day with housing construction creeping beyond initially agreed areas to purchase more and more land in the same locale. "Give them an inch and they'll take a yard" as the old adage warns.

Finally I note the whole initiative has a life span in excess of thirty years and whilst I will not be alive then to lament the loss of our countryside the young of today will be and we owe them the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful health generating experiences that living outside of cities provides.

Many thanks for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

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