

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>My family and I moved to Loxwood a year ago. We thought long and hard about where to live as we wanted to be in the country away from the hustle and bustle of London. We settled on Loxwood due to its amazingly beautiful, quiet and safe location. One of the main things we love about Loxwood, and what made us choose to live here, is the untouched, remote and tranquil woodlands which we are currently able to walk freely and safely in with our children and dog and enjoy being immersed in nature.</p> <p>Unfortunately, with the Loxwood Clay Pits application, the fear that this might no longer be a possible and that our nice safe, quite community might no longer be so is scary, worrying and devastating.</p> <p>Lowood (and more specifically Pallinghurst Woods) is most definitely not a suitable location for a commercial waste and recycling plant and associated clay pits due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pallinghurst Woods is classified as a greenfield site, National Policy clearly states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites;- Loxwood is a very small town with already very narrow and dangerous roads. The increased traffic, due to increased HGVs (approximately 300%) on the roads, will have a severe impact on Loxwood and the local surrounding villages (i.e. Wisborough Green, Bucks Green Rudgwick, Alfold, Ifold). Due to the roads being so narrow windy and sometimes overgrown with trees, there is no way that two vehicles could pass each other when approaching the road from opposite directions. Local traffic, pedestrians, horse riders will be severely at risk and I can only imagine the number of fatalities that might occur as a result of the clearly unsuitable roads;- It is a known fact that Loxwood is already stressed for water and that most of the soil in Loxwood is clay, the proposed development would further exacerbate this problem. Our house is directly down the hill from the proposed clay pits and we already have a substantial amount of water which comes down from the Pallinghurst Woods. In the event that trees and vegetation is moved from the woods, this would further increase the amount of water that comes down from the woods on to our property and we are certain that in heavy rainfalls our property would be flooded in water and clay!- Loxwood is a remote and tranquil country location with very little background noise. Most residents have chosen to live here as a result of this. With an increased high number of HGVs passing through the town; additional lighting being needed in the clay pits and recycling plant; trucks, excavators and machinery working on the site, we would lose this tranquility. Animals and insects which live in the beautiful woods would be disturbed and Loxwood would turn in to a busy, noisy industrial town.- According to the site plan, site access for the HGVs and other very large earth-moving equipment will run alongside and across public rights of way (public footpaths and bridleways) which are regularly used by members of the public (including dogs and horses). This is a huge safety concern as this could lead to accidents, in addition this is a health concern due to fumes and pollution. <p>In addition to all the above reasons why Loxwood is not a suitable site for a commercial waste and recycling plant and associated clay pits, there is currently no need for clay and a waste site as the clay and waste requirements are currently being met. It is a known fact from the WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report that the WSCC has more than roughly 25 years of reserves in all of its three sites and therefore that there is no demand for additional brick-making clay. With there being no need for an additional clay pits there is therefore no need for an associated waste site as there is currently sufficient capacity for Construction and Demolition waste in West Sussex.</p> <p>With all the above known facts why is an additional clay pits and associated waste site, in a clearly unsuitable location, even being considered!?</p>
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