

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Address	OAK GROVE, 4, OAK GROVE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0DN
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Having recently moved to the area in December 2020, we were made aware of the impending application on the Loxwood Claypit Area Application and having reviewed all of the information, were instantly opposed to the proposed plans for a number of reasons. These are outlined below:</p> <p>Greenfield site - the proposed area is on a greenfield site and under guidance it is outlined that only brownfield sites or extended built up areas should be used. The proposal would have an unacceptable conflict with properties adjacent to and nearby farmland.</p> <p>Roads and traffic - Having recently moved from an urban area, with very poor traffic measures, extended housebuilding and works such as this, we sought a rural location with minimal and only necessary traffic. The proposed site access for HGV will run alongside public right of ways and routes used by walkers in the local area. The application also highlights diversions which would disrupt walking for an entire generation of 33 years - which is totally unacceptable and unnecessary.</p> <p>Development plan - This proposal does not fit with the West Sussex and local parish development plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development of a rural area. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the local area or environment and is in fact quite detrimental. Increased traffic to the area will also increase risks to the young children and families from increased pollution, smog and air quality.</p> <p>Tranquillity and Environment - This is fundamentally a beautiful countryside woodland that will be destroyed completely unnecessarily. Light pollution will increase, intrusive noise will increase, traffic will increase and noise disturbance will increase.</p> <p>This is also an area that already has stress when it comes to water pathways and land. The area is surrounded by natural waterways and culverts and any unnecessary disturbance could increase the risk of flooding to the local areas.</p> <p>Threats to local wildlife, local animal species and protected animals is likely. There will also be disturbance to existing habitats, such as rabbits warrens, Badger's sets which are closely located.</p> <p>Traffic - The significant and likely increase of HGV traffic to the surrounding villages will be inevitable. Hamlets such as Bucks Green, Tismans Common and Ridgewich. As well as Loxwood, Alfold and Billingshurst borders.</p> <p>The increase of traffic has not been assessed or considered, which will have an impact on road measures, road and route suitability and access routes. As an example the junction on Loxwood Road and Spy Lane is increasingly narrow and of poor quality, the potential for a large vehicle or HGV to pass through this could be possible as it is an immediate cut through to the woodlands. This is a quiet, small road, with no through traffic really and the road is simply not sustainable for large lorries. Traffic calming measures and narrow islands should be introduced to avoid any increase of traffic to this particular area.</p> <p>Damage that could be caused to listed and old buildings could include foundation damage, subsidence, increase of cracking to walls caused by heavy vehicle traffic.</p> <p>In summary, this application is opposed as it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Against the town plan and suitability for the area</li><li>-Loss of environment such as light, noise.</li><li>-Effect on health of residents caused by increased dust, odour, fumes.</li><li>-Drastic changes to the appearance of the woodland area and out of keeping with the design of the local villages.</li><li>-Traffic increase and loss of access and highway safety</li><li>-Impact on the natural environment such as animals, habitats, plans</li><li>-Detrimental impact on the mental health of local residents caused by this outrageous and unconsidered plan. Following 18 months of Covid in our global society, these woodlands have been a sanctuary for many and their families, when everything else was closed (including shops, schools, offices, livelihood) these became a much needed space to be.</li></ul> <p>Laura Walker 30th August 2021</p>
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