

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
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Address	<input type="text" value="DUKES HOUSE, COX GREEN, COX GREEN, HORSHAM, RH12 3DE"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>There is no demand for clay. There is no justification for a waste site at this unsuitable location and an increased recycling rate would result in a further increase in HGV movements. This is a greenfield site and National policy states that waste site be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites. The application includes a 15000 sq ft building amid pristine woodlands. The proposed development would result in unacceptable conflicts/impacts with adjacent and established farming activity. 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. The application proposes the closure of footpath 792-1 with a significant diversion at great inconvenience to users. Whilst cited as "temporary" this closure would be for 33 years - a whole generation. Prevailing winds will carry any noise, dust, and pollutants towards Rikkyo School which is in an elevated position less than 1 km from the development site. The proposed operation does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. This application is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area. It does not bring any demonstrable benefits to the local community. This location is remote and tranquil. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none. It would have a severe impact upon the enjoyment of these walking routes for all users. 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. This is a highly stressed area for water and the development would further exacerbate this. 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. The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sited (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland. The increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on the local villages/hamlets of Bucks Green, Tismans Common and Rudgwick. The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. The proposed site access arrangements are not safe and suitable as claimed and represent a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians. There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVx entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at Bucks Green. There is potential for damage to Listed Buildings which will be affected by increased HGV traffic along proposed route. The movement of HGV's and the proposed redesign of the areas will result in disruption and loss of public parking and amenity at the lay-by. There will be significant light, noise and dust pollution from wheel wash and staff car parking. There will be conflict between the private vehicles and HGV's queuing, entering and leaving the proposed site which will create a further severe road safety risk. Despite the proposed wheel washing facilities, there remains a significant potential for mud contamination on the surrounding roads. The applicant has not specified a centrifugal wheel cleaner (as was required at Rudgwick Brickworks) This type of wheel cleaner would generate further significant noise.</p>
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