

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Address	<input type="text" value="GRAVATTS FARM, GUILDFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3JD"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I wish to register my objection to this planning application. It is inappropriate on so many levels it is hard to know where to start.</p> <p>1) The proposed site is situated in the middle of unspoilt woodland a considerable distance from the nearest main road, the A281. Access is then via a minor local road followed by a 1km drive through other woodland. National policy is for waste sites to be in built-up areas or on brown field sites, this site is far from being either.</p> <p>2) Dozens of lorries and all the staff accessing this site will cause a dramatic and dangerous increase in the amount of traffic on Loxwood Road, a rural local road which was never designed to accommodate high volumes of large, heavy lorries. This will inevitably have an impact on the safety of other road users.</p> <p>3) Part of the given reason for choosing this site is for the abstraction of clay. Sussex is not short of existing clay works, and with local brickworks such as the one at West Hoathly closing, this requirement seems to be have been introduced as justification for development at this remarkable and unspoilt location. Clay is a heavy material to transport which is why it is generally processed on site. If this permission is granted will a brickworks be proposed as part of any 'Phase 2' and promoted by the applicants on 'eco' grounds?</p> <p>4) It doesn't take a qualified environmentalist to know there is a huge diversity of species at this site, and those plants and creatures not displaced by the destruction of their habitat will be disturbed by the noise, dust and vibration, as well as the often overlooked effect of light pollution, at what is currently a pristine and tranquil woodland setting.. These disturbances will have a far reaching impact and will inevitably have a detrimental effect on the wider ecology of the area.</p> <p>It is clear the proposed development is unsuitable for this location. It will do nothing but damage the local environment for residents, wildlife, flora and fauna. It brings no benefits which could not be secured at a more appropriate site and is simply not sensitive to its setting. It will force the closure of footpaths for decades and will bring noise and disturbance to an as yet unspoilt area of West Sussex. I ask that you reject this application.</p>
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