Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I strongly object to this application on the following grounds:-
	This is a greenfieldsite. I understand National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites. This site is neither of those.
	The application includes a15,000 sq ft building in beautiful woodlands. There are no other buildings and this building would be a total eyesore.
	Site access for HGV's will run on, alongside, and across established Public Rights of Way regularly used
	by members of the public - this could create health and safety issues.
	The application proposes the closure of footpath 792-1(NorthernBoundary). Whilst cited as "temporary" this closure would be for 33 years - a whole generation - this is totally unacceptable.
	Prevailing South Westerly winds will carry any noise ,dust, and pollutants towards Rikkyo School involving 300 students and staff)which is in an elevated position less than 1km 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.
	Lighting will be required in the recycling and waste management building as well as the office building, carpark and wheel wash area. Light pollution will be created in an area where there is currently none.
	This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would make this worse.
	Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled.
	Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priorityspecies). For example , the Barbastelle Bat is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.
	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 development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, I understand there is an active badger sett within close proximity of the lay-by, parking and wheel wash area that was not referenced in the application.
	This is Ancient Woodland and should not be destroyed.
	The increased HGV traffic will have a severe impact on the nearby areas of Loxwood, BucksGreen, Tismans Common and Rudgwick.
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