

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>As a resident in the vicinity of this proposal, the impact to a populated residential area is alarming. With brownfield and other remote sites available for waste recycling site & clay pits, allowing one in the middle of a village is worrying, with access via a private residential lane and quiet country road. we will be directly impacted by tHGV traffic, noise, pollution, felled trees, wildlife habitats impacted, PROW closed. Personally as a family impacted by Covid, the effect of dust pollution is scary. Other concerns raised by the village include: Loss of light/ outlook/ privacy, Effect on historic features such as listed buildings/ conservation areas, Dust/ odour/ fumes, Impact on trees/ hedgerows</p> <p>Layout/ appearance/ design of buildings, Traffic generation/ access/ highway safety, Impact on natural environment including animals and their habitat, Noise/disturbance. Effect on landscape or character of area. Why destroy an area of natural beauty and environment, for commercial gain. Woodlands should be preserved, respected, wildlife protected. The health of residents and school children should be a priority. this is the reason why industrial developments are established away from populated area's. the site will destroy ancient woodland. this area is also prone to flooding - our home has been impacted and flooded, to increase the risk of household flooding depletes house values int he area. This is a highly stressed area for water, and the development would further exacerbate this. 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 (priority species). 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. this is not a safe proposal, the area does not need a new claypit, safety of traffic is paramount, which will be detrimentally effected by this application. 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. This has not been fully assessed. The proposed site access arrangements are not 'safe and suitable' as claimed and represent a severe risk to other road users and pedestrians. There remains a risk of impact on highway safety and residential amenity through Loxwood village unless a routing agreement is secured, adhered to and properly policed.</p> <p>There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most if its length.</p> <p>There is a severe highway safety issue from HGVs entering and exiting the Loxwood Road/A281 junction at Bucks Green. the local area hasn't got the infrastructure to cope with this level of development size and resulting traffic.</p> <p>There is the potential for damage to Listed Buildings which will be affected by increased HGV traffic along the proposed route. The development will have a major impact on local wildlife habitat and species. For example, 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. The lay-by parking area where the wheel wash is proposed to be sighted (Pephurst Wood) is in irreplaceable designated Ancient Woodland. Thank you so much for your consideration.</p>
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