

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I object to the application, as I do not think that the site is a suitable location for such an industrial operation. There are safety, noise and environmental issues which do not appear to be outweighed by the gains.</p> <p>Loxwood Road is not suitable for large lorries, and certainly not in such numbers, it is hazardous as it is. This rural road is used frequently by cyclists, horse and carriage riders, and runners, and there are no footpaths of course. The road is very narrow in several places, with blind bends, and lorries have to drive over to one side of the road. We have had damage caused to our vehicle by a car coming the other way. It will not be easy or safe for two lorries to pass in several places. In winter the sweeping bend approaching the access lay-by would become hazardous for road users, if mud is deposited on the road, which is likely. If vehicles are required to queue/pause on the highway due to more traffic entering or exiting the lay-by, things could become dangerous. Loxwood Road road is already in a very poor state, with several recurring large potholes causing damage and hazards, which would worsen with such traffic.</p> <p>The public footpaths and bridleways, and the lay-by next to the site entrance are well used by the public. Having traffic passing close to and over footpaths and bridleways will have a negative impact in several ways. Currently it is a pleasure to walk in safety in this quiet green wooded area with lots of wildlife. The introduction of lorries, staff cars and other ancillary vehicles for several hours a day, and the recycling process itself will have a huge impact on the environment and amenity. There will be noise, pollution and artificial and vehicle lights, which there are not currently of course. The closure/diversion of a public footpath to facilitate this endeavour would be a loss to the community. The impact on neighbouring farms and wellbeing of their animals should be considered.</p> <p>Establishing a new industrial processing facility in the middle of a quiet green area, away from suitable infrastructure, transporting waste to and fro by road, seems completely at odds with the climate emergency which is becoming more evident. I imagine that this scheme will presumably conflict with several of the county council's own strategies, such as the climate change strategy, breathing better strategy, walking and cycling strategy, health and wellbeing strategy and so on. Hopefully a more suitable site can be found for this business to operate.</p>
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