

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I wish to object to the planning application for a clay pit /landfill site in Pallingshurst Woods. I do not live in the area however I have family there and have been a regular visitor for the past 20 years. I understand there is no demand for clay and WestSussex has sufficient resources for clay . Therefore I do not know why the applicants are saying they will remove the clay and transport this to another site. Clay is not required and also it would not be environmentally friendly to transport clay anywhere. My concern is the applicants wish to use the land for commercial landfill.</p> <p>I am concerned the location is unsuitable for many reasons. It is in a greenfield site and National Policy states waste site should be in built up areas or brownfield sites. This is a rural area and there are plenty of more suitable sites in a town more suitable for such a proposed development. The rural roads are not suitable for such proposed commercial traffic. This would pose a public safety highway risk with the number of commercial trucks travelling. As a road user I am concerned the road is not suitable for this type of traffic and the road is too narrow for HGV's to safely drive along or one HGV passing another vehicle.</p> <p>The access route from the road to the site would cross over established rights of way routes which I have used regularly as do many people. This would pose a significant public safety risk and it would mean people would be no longer able to use the areas safely. This is terrible as these woods and public rights of way have been there for many many years and should not be destroyed for commercial and financial profit.</p> <p>The woodland is a peaceful and remote area and totally unsuitable for this type of commercial development. The proposed building would stick out both in size and location in what is a beautiful natural habitat. This does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment.</p> <p>The area is peaceful and natural and I am concerned any development would impact on noise, light and general pollution. In order to power the facility it would be necessary to run noisy generators until power could be established. I wonder if getting mains power to the site is actually realistic. The HGV's would be noisy and cause noise pollution and the machinery would do so as well. This is all unnecessary in a rural area of natural habitat. The light pollution would be significant, as currently this is a natural area with absolutely no light pollution.</p> <p>I am worried about the impact on the environment and wildlife. Thinking about global warming, trees and natural habitats should be protected. If this application goes ahead the natural habitat, with ancient woodland would be destroyed and cannot be replaced. Natural habitat and local wildlife will be impacted and destroyed. The beautiful area would then become just a commercial area.</p> <p>The access from the A281/Loxwood Road junction is a severe highway safety issue. As a car driver I am aware this junction is already tricky and sometimes not safe. I cannot see that the number of HGV's using this junction would be safe. I am also thinking of the volume of HGV's proposed each day. This would be a highway safety risk.</p> <p>There will be a massive impact on the local community if the proposal goes ahead and the HGV's daily use the roads. There is no doubt this will significantly impact on the local communities and villages with the sudden and massive increase of commercial vehicles driving through . The proposal is for 33 years so this is not a short term impact on local people, communities or the environment or to public safety. I understand as well there as listed buildings on the route which will be impacted by the HGV's movement.</p> <p>Finally as someone who has walked in the woods I am really concerned on the impact of natural wildlife. I have seen badgers ( which are protected species) deer, many birds and bats. I understand there are protected bats in this area as well. I am also concerned bluebells ( which are protected) will be destroyed and wild flowers including wild orchids. If any proposal goes ahead all of this would be destroyed forever. This is not acceptable and therefore I object to this application strongly .</p>
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