

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Ralph Mansson"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="RAMBLERS, SPY LANE, SPY LANE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SQ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>The woodlands in Loxwood provide a good habitat for a diverse set of species, including butterflies and dragonflies. The area is peaceful which supports the wildlife and allows people to walk by themselves or with their dogs. I have walked the footpaths through the woods for over 25 years and find it very relaxing and beneficial to my mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Within the woods the forestry track provides a rich environment which supports many species of butterfly, including the White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary, Speckled Wood, Ringlet and numerous others. The track has developed naturally over the years to provide the needs of the butterflies, along with dragonflies and many other insects. The woods also support deer that can roam freely without fear of being disturbed.</p> <p>The proposed development will have a long lasting negative impact on the forest and the wildlife that currently are found there in abundance. The White Admiral butterfly thrives on the forestry track which will be greatly disrupted causing them to move to other parts of the wood or to disappear completely. The other species of butterfly will also be negatively affected by the upheaval and it is unlikely that a suitable replacement will be developed. The frequency of lorries that will use the track will make it difficult for the butterflies, dragonflies and other insects to continue to live and thrive where they currently are in the woods.</p> <p>The increase in activity, including regular movements of lorries and industrial activity will completely change the ambience of the woods leading to noise pollution so that what are currently peaceful walks through the woods will no longer provide the same relaxation and mental health benefits that walkers get at present.</p> <p>The activity at the clay pit and recycling centre will generate waste products that have the potential to pollute the woodland area. The plans do not provide a credible solution to these challenges and, given the lack of woodland throughout the United Kingdom, it would be a bad decision to risk permanent damage to what remains of our woodlands.</p> <p>This proposed development is not good for the area and is inconsistent with the Government's proposals to "build back better" and would be very bad for the environment.</p>
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