

# Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Rowan Binns"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="WOODFIELD ROAD, 8, WOODFIELD ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3EP"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I am writing to object to the Application for a Claypit and Waste Site under application WSCC/030/21.</p> <p>You will already have received objections based on the lack of requirement for clay and bricks, with existing availability and reserves meeting WSCC requirements and, given this lack of requirement, the inappropriateness of placing the waste site in the same space. I believe the reports given to me on this and, if the evidence is that there is no requirement and the site is inappropriate for being in breach of ecological and positional requirements (eg. impact on wildlife and the distance from the lorry route network) cited, you must also reject this application.</p> <p>My personal objections fall primarily in the area of highway safety but also on the environmental impact, noise and disturbance and overall effect on the area's landscape and character that both the development itself and associated traffic will have.</p> <p>I am a cyclist and a very regular user of the stretch of road from Bucks Green to Loxwood. I am not alone - a glance at the activity App Strava will show that nearly 2000 cyclists use that stretch of road each year. It is quiet and reasonably well maintained. However, the addition of around 40 HGVs to that stretch of road is a recipe for disaster. I have witnessed, first hand, the horror of a 6 wheeler truck mowing down a cyclist they did not see. The bends and corresponding lack of visibility places cyclists in particular at an extreme risk of harm, particularly given the free flowing nature of traffic and the speed an HGV could achieve. Beyond this, the section with pavement between Tismans Common and Bucks Green is populated with walkers, family's with children on the school run and others. Heavy traffic already moves through the Bucks Green portion of the A281 consistently above the speed limit and the addition of fast moving HGVs on Loxwood Road increases the risks to local residents and user far beyond what is acceptable. The risk to my safety (walking or cycling), my family's and that of others on that road alone should be enough to determine that that the Loxwood Road is inappropriate for such continuous HGV use. I would encourage you to reject the application on this basis.</p> <p>Beyond this, in an area of tranquillity, clean air and pristine ancient woodland, the site and the polluting infrastructure (noise, light, dust and fumes) needed for its operation is utterly inappropriate. Were this in close proximity to a major road, the case for rejection would be possibly harder to make but this site is so far from major transport links that it will require the destruction and/or pollution of habitats that the proposed access road will cross. This is both detrimental to the local environment and close to actual insanity in a world crying out for natural habitats to be preserved or enhanced.</p> <p>From evidence I have seen and from my personal experience and use of the area in question, this development appears to be completely superfluous to requirement and of actual danger (acute and chronic) to road users and local residents. It must be rejected. I trust that you will reach the same conclusion and reject this application immediately.</p>
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