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Objection

Kelly Heath

I strongly object to this planning application for the following reasons:-

There would be a severe impact on local woodland and loss of habitat for wildlife, some of which are protected species. There is also an active badger sett within close proximity of the layby area. We are repeatedly told to focus on climate change and to do our bit to help the environment, so destroying green spaces, woodland and wildlife and replacing it with buildings, HGVs and pollution is absurd. This cannot be allowed to happen.

Our green spaces have positive effects on both the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community, and to take part of this away would only be damaging to everyone who uses and benefits from these spaces.

Significant increase in HGV traffic through the village - Loxwood Road is narrow and would become extremely dangerous for road users and pedestrians with the increase of lorries accessing the proposed site. The junction at Loxwood Road and the A281 at Bucks Green is already difficult to navigate out of with the existing traffic, and adding a significant number of HGVs each day would present a severe safety risk. I'd also like to point out how dangerous the increase of HGVs would be to the A281. Last summer, a cyclist (a 20 year old lad) was killed by an HGV crossing the A281 on the Downslink. A 300% increase in HGVs along a road full of blind spots could potentially be devastating. Noise and pollution - Loxwood is a quiet and tranquil village. The proposed clay pit would create significant noise disturbance in the village, dust, and light pollution in an area where there currently is none.

Further to these points, the proposed site was not part of the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, nor the Chichester District Local Plan. The location is completely unsuitable - greenfield sites should not be used for waste sites. It brings no benefits to the local community, and there is no demand for additional brick-making clay in the area.

I urge WSCC to refuse this application.

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