

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Address	SOUTH COTTAGE, LOXWOOD CHASE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0QW
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>WASTE SITE</p> <p>This is an unsuitable location because there is currently no suitable infrastructure to get the materials in and out of the site. Construction waste has potentially toxic materials in it, which are not always found until they get to the site, therefore causing potential pollution.</p> <p>It is concerning that the applicants recycling ratio is 50% of waste brought onto site; from my professional experience this should be higher and into the 90%'s. This is a concern about the amount of waste left and what will happen to this potentially toxic material.</p> <p>The DSEAR (Dangerous substances and explosive atmospheres regulations 2002) is in place to prevent or limit harmful effects of fires or explosions. If there is dust with very fine particulates within an enclosed space, this can cause an explosion. This potentially can cause a fire and could result in widescale damage to the surrounding woodland, farms, livestock, wildlife and properties.</p> <p>Toxic materials and heavy metals in the recycled material are highly likely to find their way into the watercourse.</p> <p>SUITABILITY OF LOCATION</p> <p>This is a green field site and should remain so. This development will begin to turn this area into a brown field site and this is unacceptable based on the county councils own guidance.</p> <p>The distance between the site to the road is a concern- with diesel polluting lorries that will need passing places and will have almost 7km of damage per return trip. There are already brown field sites that lay dormant, such as Shoreham cement works, which go undeveloped.</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>The proposed development does not conform with the Loxwood neighbourhood plan or the Chichester district plan and it is not sensitive to its setting. There are only detrimental effects of this development on the local area, and no positives, as required by the plans.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</p> <p>The removal of the large stand of trees over many hectares, which will not be replanted or offset, is unacceptable. The Government are encouraging farmers and landowners to plant many large areas of their farmland with trees to help with biodiversity, drainage and most importantly carbon offset. It is disturbing that this goes against these government initiatives. This development will increase the carbon footprint in this area, which does not work towards the carbon net zero date.</p> <p>The mature ancient habitat that will be removed from these woods, cannot be replaced. This will damage the balance of the ecosystem in this area, leading to loss of species and biodiversity.</p> <p>From our property, we were already able to hear the noise pollution of the initial road going to the site; and the reversing sounders of the plant on site.</p> <p>TRAFFIC AND ACCESS</p> <p>Having travelled the road daily from Loxwood to Bucks Green for 2 years, there are already pot holes in this road, which go unrepaired, causing collateral damage to vehicles. Loxwood Road is too narrow: a car and a bus can't pass safely at the moment. This will be severely worsened with two lorries passing.</p> <p>This minor road was not designed or constructed to take repeated heavy goods vehicle traffic and this will cause further damage to the road surface, road edges and drainage.</p> <p>I am aware that the road into Cranleigh has been closed for 2 years due to the badger sett next to and under the road; it is surprising therefore that WSCC may allow a road to be created next to and over the badger sett at the entrance to this potential site.</p> <p>These vehicles will need wheel washing facilities as they return to the road, as they will be covered in polluting materials from the recycling plant and contaminates from the HGV's (oil and grease) ; and this large amount of water (thousands of cubic meters) will need to be treated as hazardous waste and not discharged into the water course.</p> <p>CLAY</p> <p>It should be declared regarding the ratio of useable brick clay to spoil. We know from working in our own garden, that there are several layers of the underlying clay in the soil profile before reaching potential brick clay. Therefore the volume of saleable clay is surely under debate.</p> <p>The removal and dumping of the spoil and loss of top soil is an issue here. By removing the top soil, the natural drainage properties are lost and the remaining clay will waterlog this and the surrounding sites.</p> <p>A large concern is the water be held in the quarry site; and where the water from this clay pit is discharged to.</p>

As you can see from the above statements, I disagree fully with this planning application and it should not go ahead.
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