

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Susan Kornycky"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Medecroft, Cox Green Rudgwick, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 3DD"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this application. The applicants have not proven that there is a need for the clay in this area. Evidence from WSCC and SCC shows that supplies are there for at least the greater portion of the 30ish year period the applicants have indicated the business will cover. There is also no demonstrated need for the proposed CMRF operation either. So why ruin a beautiful, greenfield site in the heart of the countryside, disturbing the wildlife and plant life (including some protected species of both), destroying some ancient woodland, and ruining the peace and pleasure of the people who choose to boost their physical well-being and mental health by walking the PROWs, for a development that is not needed?.</p> <p>Additionally permitting the site in this location would conflict with many local and national policies and intentions. For instance, Climate Change is the biggest problems being faced globally and we all need to play our part in helping with this issue. Indeed on the WSCC website, referring to Climate Change it is stated - 'In April 2019, the County Council acknowledged the threat of climate change and passed a motion pledging to try to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030'. Granting permission for this development would surely add to carbon emissions via the equipment, plant and generators required on site, and the frequent HGV movements required to transport the clay miles away to goodness knows where and how far, for it to be used. WSCC policies prefer (quite rightly and properly) for clay to be transported over minimal distances, and preferably it to be excavated as close as possible to the brickworks that will be using the material. This will not be the case with this proposal.</p> <p>The Loxwood Road towards Rudgwick is narrow in parts and bendy. It is simply not suited to the type of intense and frequent HGV traffic generated by this planning application. The exit onto the A281 in Bucks Green is difficult for large vehicles in terms of room to manoeuvre and vision, whether via the bus stop and turning point exit, or by the garage. A few hundred metres down the road is the Downs Link crossing, where last year a cyclist lost his life by being hit by an HGV whilst crossing there. The local residents have serious concerns regarding the frequent diesel fuelled lorry movements in terms of safety and pollution. They are hardly going to help the Climate Control crisis or add to the well-being of the local community are they? If they were necessary this might be a mitigating factor, but they are not.</p> <p>In short this proposal is only of benefit to the applicants themselves for financial gain. It does not help the county or the locality in any way. There is no proven case that there is any essential need for it and it is in conflict with local plans, policies and the harmony of life in the area. If county needs or local plans were to require such facilities in the future then a much more suitable site than this would not be hard to identify. This is not the place for a development such as this and I hope that WSCC will refuse it.</p>
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