Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I wish to strongly object to this proposal as it will have a detrimental affect on the local environment, the loss of habitat, pollution, local health and safety, traffic, and the complete lack of need for a clay pit.
	WSCC has enough clay in reserve to serve the next 25 years at 4 other sites. I do not believe that this application is about the clay at all but the money that can be made from then using the clay pit as waste site for construction waste. The site itself is a greenfield site and NATIONAL policy states waste sites should be located on brownfield sites and in built up locations. The fact that the site is not next to a brick making facility, which is the norm in the brick making process makes this site not only environmentally bad but also uneconomical. The site is also a total distance of 4.55km from the site itself to the A281 and this exceeds the recommend distance for such a site. The route the proposed HGV's will take is also made up of narrow country lanes which are totally unsuitable for passing HGV's despite the applicant claiming there is enough time between each one. Is is an area of farming and equine activity so there will be farm vehicles and horse transporters using these roads already.
	This brings me on to the point that this is playing with the health and safety of all road users using the access roads. The access in to the woodland from the layby also crosses a heavily used and established right of way. How on earth can the safety of people, horses and dogs using this path as they have done for decades be guarenteed!? it can't. An increase of HGV usage by an estimated 300% is a fatality waiting to happen in my opinion. Do WSCC want that on their consciences?
	The fields surrounding the location are used for cattle and there will be noise and pollution affecting them. There is currently very little if any noise when you are in the woods here. This is bound to have affect on the health of these animals. Along side this there are also all the native animals and creatures living on this site and adjacent to it. There has been evidence of 4 protected species of bats on the site itself and near to the entrance at the layby is an active badger set. This is close to the proposed wheel wash facility which was not mentioned in the application.
	The site has areas of ancient woodland that will be ripped up and are quite simply irreplaceable no matter what is done to the site at the end of the 30 odd years you cannot replace what has taken hundreds if not thousands of years to develop. Where does the wildlife go in the meantime? Much of it will be lost forever.
	This application if passed will forever ruin a rare environment of peace and tranquility. Somewhere that locals and those also not local go to to enjoy nature, see wildlife and escape the world. It will see countless lives lost in the woodland itself and potentially lives at risk from the HGV movements on what are completely unsuitable roads. Woodlands will be lost and the whole area blighted by noise, pollution, construction traffic and light
	pollution from the site. The application offers NO benefit to the local area, but will strip the local area of a truly unique place.
	I strongly propose that the right decision is made and this application be declined.
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