

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Megan Townsend"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="OLD COTTAGE, STATION ROAD, STATION ROAD, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SN"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>This application is unsuitable for the location. The ancient woodland area is rich with wildlife including four threatened species of bats and an exceptional population of glow worms. Apart from destroying the immediate habitat, the noise of machinery and atmospheric and light pollution would lead to the consequential loss of suitable habitat over a much wider area.</p> <p>The application cannot in any way qualify as sensitive to its setting. It is at absolute odds with it. HGV traffic in an ancient woodland could not be more inappropriate.</p> <p>The disturbance, noise and dust would also not only affect wildlife. It would lead to considerable loss of amenity for those out enjoying the countryside and the villages and farms nearby.</p> <p>There are many buildings along the HGV route which are centuries old, whether listed or not. They have no foundations and the HGV traffic would over time impact the stability of these buildings.</p> <p>The roads themselves, apart from simply not being wide enough to be safe for HGVs and other users, would be eroded very quickly, leading to dangerous pot holes and verge erosion as we saw with HGV traffic when the biogas plant was operating near Plaistow.</p> <p>Why is the waste site not being planned in a built-up area or on a brownfield site as National policy states and where there would be proper transport infrastructure? There isn't even a demand for clay in the area since we have stocks for 25 years for any plant using Weald Clay and all local brickworks have now closed so any clay would have to be transported over a distance which is at odds with environmental policy.</p>
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