

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Comments	<p>I was disappointed to learn of this application, and as someone with family in the area and who regularly visits, I object to it for a number of reasons.</p> <p>1. Suitability of use for the area</p> <p>There is little justification for a waste site at this location, which is a greenfield site. It is national policy that waste sites should be at brownfield sites or in dense areas, not greenfield sites. Other sites for construction waste already exist in West Sussex which are much more suitable.</p> <p>Furthermore the site itself is over 4.5km from the lorry route network - beyond the recommended distance. The roads that will be used for access are mostly minor and are unsuitable for so many heavy goods vehicles.</p> <p>2. Effect on landscape or character of area.</p> <p>The site will be among untouched woodlands where currently no buildings exist. A pit and waste site, with the accompanying building, is not fitting for the area in which it will sit.</p> <p>The proposal marks out part of the the designated ancient woodland in Pephurst Wood for lay-by parking and a wheel wash. This would be a tragic use of the land, which has existed in its current state for so many years.</p> <p>3. Noise/disturbance</p> <p>We often visit my parents who live in Rudgwick, and enjoy the surrounding woodland for the peace and quiet they provide - we walk the family dog in the woods and along the adjacent footpaths often.</p> <p>The noise created by generators, tracked vehicles and excavators and skip lorries will seriously hinder our enjoyment of the area, which we have been using for many years.</p> <p>4. Traffic generation/access/ highway safety</p> <p>Some of the roads in the area will be greatly impacted by a huge increase in HGV traffic. Loxwood road is only around 5m or so wide, and is not at all suitable for the continuous flow of large vehicles that the site will bring with it.</p> <p>Furthermore the significant traffic will cause disturbance and inconvenience to the residents of the area, given the regularity and consistency with which the HGV that will be passing through.</p> <p>5. Impact on natural environment including animals and their habitat</p> <p>The site will have a detrimental impact on wildlife in the area, including a badger sett near to the lay-by. There are threatened bat species that have been identified at the site too, such as the Barbastelle Bat.</p> <p>The development will also result in more carbon emissions from the fossil fuels that will be burned. In addition to this, they only plan to recycle 50% of waste brought to the site, which is far below the industry standard.</p> <p>6. Impact on trees</p> <p>A significant number of mature trees will be felled - including those with potential roost features for</p>
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bats - and tree canopy will be removed to make way for the development.

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