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to the Planning Officer, Planning application WSCC/030/21
Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd

- We object to the proposals in the above application for the following reasons:-
- (1) Environmental
 - (a) destruction of an area - partly rejuvenating deciduous trees, partly mature woodland, in the middle of tranquil Pallinghurst Woods. habitat of grass snakes, slow worms, song birds, the ever-rarer nightingales in the summer, tawny owls, bats & numerous insects. An area much enjoyed by walkers and horse riders on the near-by public rights of way.
 - (b) pollution - noise, dust & CO₂ emissions from plant and machinery to dig the pit, extract the clay and transport it miles away, and from the recycling machinery - especially concrete crushing affecting a wide area.
 - (2) Traffic - HGV's - one way 12 minutes along the Loxwood Road - approx 3 miles from the nearest ^{local} Bypass Route Loxwood Road is narrow with 3 narrow

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crossings of streams with poor visibility and 2 hazardous road junctions and numerous private driveways and farm entrances. It is a road used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, with narrow eroded verges affording very little refuge for pedestrians.

Finally, destruction of woodland and transporting clay and demolition materials over long distances is no good in reducing climate change

Yours faithfully

