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With reference to the above case I should like to object to the plans and kindly ask that you consider the following.

First and foremost I am deeply concerned of the environmental impact such a development would bring about.

I refer not only to the obliteration of some much loved and highly prized woodland but also of the excavation and lorry movements. We each have a responsibility to play a role in safeguarding such areas and moreover to reduce carbon emissions as each effort combats the biggest threat to us and the animal kingdom, global warming.

If such a recycling plant is deemed necessary, which I would contest, then surely a more suited site should be sought. One whereby access is via a main trunk road, deforestation is not required and located in the vicinity of the source of the materials.

As for the requirement for clay to local brickyards, this I fail to accept has any justification. I have worked within the brick industry as a production manager for in excess of 15 years and the practice of clay 'blending' is seldom used particularly for the purpose of producing different products and finishes. Brickmaking has changed hugely in recent years and is now very much a science. The main reason why a brickyard may import a 'foreign' material is to resolve drying issues which are brought about as a result of the complexities of the clays used. There are many alternate materials and liquids that have a much lower environmental impact than importing clays. These include liquid additives such as Additive 'A' or Mollases. Also given the limited number of bore holes drilled at the Loxwood site and the presence of salts causing efflorescence negatively affecting the aesthetics of the brick it would strongly suggest the clay is not suited. In all I would suggest the proposal to extract clay is far from justified.

Finally I favour it would be irresponsible to approve such an application on the grounds that the introduction of such a large number of lorries on an unsuitable road would inevitably cause serious local safety issues.

Regards, Alan Jupp.