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Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd Planning Application
Planning Application Number WSCC/O30/21

If we approve this plan it will blight the lives of generations to come, At a time when the world is at last waking up to the serious danger of global warming, and the damage release of Carbon emissions have already done, it would be ludicrous to destroy this woodland- it will rip it's heart out. For this reason we as a Nation are already planting thousands of trees but it would take many decades to replace destroyed ancient woodlands. The bio-diversity, bird and animal life depend on these woods as wildlife corridors to other woodlands in the area. This destruction must not be allowed – it can only have major adverse effects.

Surrounded by local villages this woodland provides an excellent local amenity which will be severely affected. The local villages already suffering noisy flight to Gatwick are also likely to suffer continuous noise, dust and pollution from the site six days a week.

Transport Issues.

I have lived in Loxwood Road Rudgwick over 45 years. In that time it has transformed from a quiet, safe, narrow and winding country lane to becoming like Lynwick Street Mark 2. All that has changed is an enormous increase in traffic and the deteriorating state of the road surface (especially the verges making the road even narrower).

Besides serving all the local villages, Loxwood Road is used by hundreds of cyclists, horse riders and walkers all year round. Little account is taken by speeding motorists from motor-cyclists, cars and delivery vans to significant numbers of heavily laden HGVs? Are the latter usually on a bonus? Would Clay Pits HGVs also be on a bonus? I often see HGVs inching past each other but where oncoming motorists are concerned the HGVs frequently remain at speed on the wrong side of the centre line of the road forcing oncoming cars up banks or into drive-ways.

The very tight junction of the Loxwood Road with the A281 in Bucks Green has for years provided a danger due to a lack of any visibility splay in either direction. I am surprised that this situation has been allowed to continue.

The bend and junction by St Johns' Church is particularly hazardous – I have witnessed a number of incidents on this site alone, including the writing off- of my car (which was parked off-road). That incident was caused by an impatient motorist overtaking the school bus on the blind bend, forcing an oncoming car full of young children to crash off the road.

The 30mph limit means little – some motorists drive up to 60 or 70 mph - some simply use their horn rather than comply with the speed limit. Nothing is done to monitor the position – only to have this proposal make things far worse?

Only this week I witnessed a speeding motorist almost kill a cyclist. What chance do cyclists have if a load more heavily laden HGVs are added to this minor road?

Please refuse this application.

Yours sincerely



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