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As a Loxwood resident who has grown up here and now bringing up my own children in the village; I am gravely concerned about the proposal to situate a clay pit and waste recycling plant within the village and the affect that it will have on the environment and for the community.

I am therefore writing to object to the application for the following reasons:

**The environmental impact:** As a greenfield site, the site location is wholly unsuitable and will have a devastating impact on the woodland, some of which is ancient; as well as on the wildlife located within and near to the area including threatened and near threatened species such as the wood white butterfly, nightingales and a number of bat species. Having used the woods since 1980, it is one of a sadly dwindling number of areas locally where flora and fauna has been left relatively undisturbed up to this point.

**The increase in traffic** generated from the proposed HGV movements per day significantly increase the volume of traffic to Loxwood and surrounding areas. The infrastructure of the roads around the site are not equipped to cope with the proposed level of HGV movements per day.

I am particularly concerned about the **safety of pedestrians and cyclists along the Loxwood road:** The road has a 60 mile per hour speed limit, is narrow in parts, has no pavements (with the exception of those close to the A281 in Rudgwick) and a number of bends and blind spots including close to the site entrance. The road is frequently used by cyclists, horse riders and also pedestrians including my daughter and other school children who are required to walk up to one mile along this road, past the site entrance to reach their school bus stops.

I am also concerned that the frequent HGV movements over the next 30 years would have a detrimental effect to the **structure of the listed buildings** along the Loxwood road including at Pephurst Farm where my family live. (situated opposite the entrance / exit point of the proposed site). The buildings have been dated from circa 1500 and the house as well as a barn, located close to the road, have no foundations rendering them particularly vulnerable to the significant increase in HGV traffic.

It will also result in the **loss of a beautiful green space** including areas of designated ancient woodland that many local residents including myself and my family enjoy on a regular basis.

As a health professional working in mental health services in our local community; I understand and regularly promote the importance of connecting with nature to combat a range of mental health problems such as anxiety and depression. The loss of this area and increase in noise and pollution within the area will impact on the ability of Loxwood residents to benefit from this tranquil green space, as well as the many people who travel from further afield to benefit from the woodland.

I am also concerned about the impact of the development on the Autistic son of our neighbours living at Ivyhurst (on the lay-by of the proposed site entrance) as he has a diagnosis of acute anxiety and hyperacusis (extreme noise sensitivity) as such a development would severely affect his health and the quality of life of both him and his family.

In summary I object strongly to this application on the grounds of:

Environmental impact,  
Highway safety,  
Damage to Listed Buildings,  
Loss of Amenity,  
Mental Health impacts.

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Sent from my iPhone