Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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I object to the proposed development on environmental and community health grounds.

Regarding environmental concerns, the development would cause the destruction of vital habitats including oak woodland, ash woodland and natural wetlands. Protecting the remaining biodiversity of West Sussex is vital to future generations and whilst commercial benefit may be gained short term through exploiting these habitats, the mid-to-long term cost of the destruction of these habitats will be far greater than short term commercial gain.

Regarding community health, the woodlands are a well-used and popular walking location for local populations. As highlighted through the pandemic, peoples' mental and physical health is greatly improved by access to natural habitat spaces. The proposed clay pits would prevent thousands of people from accessing an unspoilt natural environment, with likely significant negative subsequent impacts on mental and physical health wellbeing. The approval of the application would cause direct physical and mental health damage to the population of West Sussex.

Whilst short-term commercial opportunity may lie in the exploitation of the woodlands, the negative mid and long term impact on West Sussex and its inhabitants will be substantial and I would therefore strongly encourage the refusal of the application.

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