Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

It appears that Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd have added various documents & explanations to their application, however I do not believe that any of them strengthen their case or change my opinion that they are merely a money making business couched in declarations of unsubstantiated need for Weald clay & extra recycling requirements for construction material in the area.

They seem to feel that they should be able to make their own rules rather than adhere to WSCC policies currently in place, such as that covering minerals & waste.

I cannot see any legitimate reason for declaring that there is a need or demand for Weald clay & they have given no indication of who would require it & for what usage.

I am concerned about the safety surrounding the footpath that they are no longer going to close & how the boundary will be made safe & secure.

There will be a resulting increase in noise, dust, mud as well as loss of peace & tranquility in the area. They are flippantly discarding issues facing the species of wildlife in the area & the ongoing & legal charge to protect biodiversity & protected species, such as Barbatelle bats.

The trees that they fell will destroy roosting & feeding habitats for a myriad of species.

Perhaps one of the largest impacts will be to the number of vehicles travelling in the area & the ensuing safety on the roads. I am sure they are greatly underestimating the number of vehicle movements through the woodland, to & from the woodland access points & the Loxwood road junction with the A281. I am very concerned for the safety of school children, walkers& their dogs, cyclists & other drivers of vehicles. There are no, or very few areas where there are pavements & the roads are narrow with blind corners.

I cannot help viewing this proposal as a hard nosed business proposition hiding behind the extraction of clay to set up a recycling site in ancient woodlands surrounded by peaceful country lanes & a biodiversity of wildlife & trees. No real consideration has been given to the enormous impact of their actions or to the safety issues that they will produce.

There appears to be no guarantee of control of vehicle numbers at the start of their project or in the future & no way of policing these numbers.

I hope all these issues will be considered seriously.

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