## Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I OBJECT strongly to the application and would urge West Sussex County Council to reject it in the strongest way.

The application fails to meet sensible criteria at every stage and, importantly, seems contrary to many official Policies. The new information provided by the applicant seems to focus more on criticising West Sussex policies and the officials who implement those policies - which represents a surprising and unacceptable way to do business. In particular:

- The applicant does not make a case for a demand for brickmaking clay and especially not even for the small quantity proposed to be extracted from this site and transported (expensively and inefficiently) to an unspecified brickworks. West Sussex and surrounding counties have sufficient brickmaking clay supplies and do not need a tiny additional source from a greenfield location. The applicant is still contravening Minerals Policy M5.
- The additional information does nothing to overcome the legitimate objections to putting a recycling and landfill operation in woodland
- The safety of users of footpaths and bridleways in the woodland is still at risk the additional information does nothing to reduce the risk. Automatic barriers (operated by an unknown/unstated source of power) will, by definition, not protect those already on or close to the crossing point. One footpath will still be shared, for a long stretch, by pedestrians and HGV.
- It seems likely that the applicant under-states the amount of HGV traffic, based upon the RSK transport consultants' report.
- Safety is at risk at the site entrance where the forward visibility from traffic travelling west along the Loxwood Road to a stationery HGV waiting to turn right into the site.
- The application is silent on how water neutrality will be achieved and the fact that the watersupply stresses highlighted by Southern Water and Natural England will be worsened.
- The impact of the proposed operation on ecology and the environment will be horrendous, with (by the applicant's own admission) a net bio-diversity loss being the result.
- The applicant gives no data on the business case for the operation whilst, at the same time, claiming that there will be an economic benefit. Without supporting information and justification any positive economic comments should be ignored.

Please REJECT the application.

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