## Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Objection

I strongly object to this application based on the increased traffic movements along unsafe roads, the impact on an ancient woodland and the diverse plant and animal life that resides there - and the fact that the applicant has presented no meaningful justification for additional brick making or construction material recycling in this location.

I believe the applicant is seriously underestimating the number of vehicle movements taking place each day, having a major impact on users and habitants of Loxwood Road and the A281 junction which is already narrow and dangerous. I use this road daily to take my children to school and it is entirely unsuitable for use by numerous HGVs throughout the day. There is a high risk of accidents, particularly where vehicles are turning in and out of the lay-by entrance to the LCP site, and turning onto the A281.

In terms of biodiversity and the protection of natural habitats, this proposal has failed to take into account the many interesting species that reside around the LCP site, for example, the Bat Survey only covers very few specific trees, not the wider woodland area, and ignores the use of the woods by bats travelling to their foraging areas. Approximately 41% of species have declined in abundance since 1970 due to environmental pressures such as habitat loss. Just three months after the COP26 Summit, which highlighted extent of the biodiversity and habitat-loss crisis, why are proposals such as this even being considered?

There is no evidence of a shortfall of clay in Surrey or the potential customers who would want to buy it. Clay is a low value mineral which is uneconomic to transport and the extraction of which causes huge damage to the environment. There is also no justification of the need for additional construction materials recycling in West Sussex.

This application should be refused.

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