

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Name	<input type="text" value="Bente Salt"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="ROSE COTTAGE, GUILDFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SB"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Following the submission of additional documents by ProTreat Ltd, I hereby submit my second objection to the Loxwood Clay Pits planning application.</p> <p>Something is wrong in the planning process if it is possible for an organisation to purchase a plot of greenbelt land in the middle of a woodland and then make it into a brownfield site. If this is approved, it will set a dangerous precedent.</p> <p>Following the COVID-19 pandemic and COP26, the Government is introducing a nature led recovery, focusing on rewilding and woodland creation. The Loxwood Clay Pit would result in woodland destruction and the release of CO2 from the soil in the process. Furthermore, the UK has a biodiversity crisis and this will not do anything to address this issue.</p> <p>The tactic of trying to get objections from people who don't live in the immediate vicinity is despicable given that ProTreat is based in Newport, Shropshire and the Applicant is based in Esher, Surrey. People travel to the woods to enjoy the tranquility and they have a right to voice their concerns.</p> <p>I have seen nothing in the additional information provided that supports the application.</p> <p>They claim there is an unmet demand for additional construction recycling facilities; and there is a shortfall in clay reserves in Surrey. They have provided no evidence to substantiate these claims.</p> <p>They have also proposed that one automatic barrier be put in to protect walkers and horse riders on Bridleway 3240. I would have thought it would require two as HGVs and other vehicles will drive in both directions. Presumably this automatic barrier will be operated using site power, which means that a power generator will have to run 24/7, resulting in additional noise pollution.</p> <p>There are a number of construction sites around Loxwood, Rudgewick and Bucks Green at the moment and it results in a lot of site noise and noise from both construction vehicles and reversing lorries. This is temporary and will stop when the construction is completed. If the Loxwood Clay Pits application is approved, this will be the reality for the populations of the surrounding villages for the next 30 years!</p> <p>They continue to state that the impact on the local road network will be limited. I understand that there may have been a serious underestimate, by the applicant, of the number of site related HGV movements along the Loxwood Road; and that access visibility may have been overestimated. I remain extremely concerned, as a regular user of Loxwood Road, both as a cyclist and as a driver, and previously as a horse rider, about the increased number of HGV movements. Given the recent changes to the Highway Code, it makes the use of Loxwood Road for HGVs completely inappropriate as to it will require 2m to overtake a horse rider. There simply is not enough space.</p> <p>I recommend that you refuse this application based on the above and all of the other objections received.</p>
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