Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

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Type of Comment Comments Objection

My reasons for objection remain the same as my previous comments. However, I would like to add the following after reading the recently submitted additional material from the applicant:

The applicant has argued the clay on site is suitable for brick making, however, potential customers for the clay have not been identified. No evidence has been submitted regarding the shortfall of clay in Surrey.

Brickmaking companies are consolidating, therefore the creation of a new small brickworks would seem pointless. Since clay is a low value mineral and uneconomic to transport, customers would need to be within close range.

Pitsham Brickworks do not use Weald Clay. West Hoathly brickworks is now closed.

Furthermore, the applicant's long and detailed information on Ibstock brickworks is immaterial as they are in Dorset and have their own on-site clay pit.

Surely it does not make sense to create a clay pit without sufficient proven demand to make this a viable economic prospect. It would seem that the ulterior motive is the creation of a large hole in the ground which is extremely lucrative as a waste disposal facility. If this is the case, how could it possibly be acceptable to have this facility in the middle of a wood, in a rural location?

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