

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
Name	Stuart Gordon
Address	PIG POKE COTTAGE, LOXWOOD ROAD, LOXWOOD ROAD, CRANLEIGH, GU6 8ET
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>Having reviewed all the supporting statements for the amended planning application , WSCC/030/21 I wish to raise the following objections to the above planning application.</p> <p>Suitability of use for the area</p> <p>In a time of a climate crisis why use this is a greenfield site; National policy states that waste sites should be sited in built-up areas or brownfield sites. Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled. The development will result in an increase in net carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels; removal of tree canopy by felling and disturbance of the woodland floor.</p> <p>The proposed operation does not conform with either the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan, or the Chichester District Local Plan for development in a rural area. This application is not sensitive to its setting in terms of size, bulk or location. It does not enhance, protect or compliment the natural environment or rural character of the area.</p> <p>The adverse effects on historic features such as listed buildings/ conservation areas</p> <p>Our cottage in Alfold dates from the 17th Century and there is the potential for damage to our and other listed Buildings which will be affected by increased HGV traffic along the proposed route.</p> <p>Dust/ odour/ fumes Impact on trees/ hedgerows</p> <p>Prevailing South Westerly Winds will carry any noise, dust, and pollutants towards Rikkyo School (circa 300 students and staff) which is in an elevated position less than 1km from the development site.</p> <p>Layout/ appearance/ design of buildings</p> <p>The application includes a 15,000 sq ft building amid pristine woodlands. The ancillary building and quarrying operation would have a significant visual impact in the landscape. There are no other buildings within the woodland ad is totally out of keeping with the area.</p> <p>Traffic generation/ access/ highway safety</p> <p>Living under 1 mile from the proposed site in Alfold, I object to the noise and pollution that will be caused by the multiple heavy goods movements that will travel past my front door just 15 feet from the road. The significant increase (c300%) in HGV traffic volumes will present a severe safety risk for existing road users along Loxwood Road. There will be an acute impact on highway safety along Loxwood Road from high passing speeds on a restricted width carriageway. The road is just 5.1m wide at its narrowest point and 5.5m along most of its length.</p> <p>Impact on natural environment including animals and their habitat</p> <p>Mature trees on the development site have been identified as having potential roost features for bats, some of these will be amongst the first to be felled. Amongst the bats identified on the site are four threatened (priority species). For example, the Barbastelle Bat is rare in Sussex and is an International European Protected Species.</p> <p>Noise/disturbance</p> <p>Prevailing South Westerly Winds will carry any noise, dust, and pollutants towards Rikkyo School (circa 300 students and staff) which is in an elevated position less than 1km from the development site.</p> <p>Effect on landscape or character of area</p> <p>The proposed development would result in unacceptable conflicts/impacts with adjacent and established farming activity. Loss of the woodland amenity and footpaths. It has been proven that greener environments are associated with better mental health and wellbeing outcomes. This includes reduced levels of depression, anxiety, fatigue, and enhanced quality of life for both children and adults. This has been immeasurable over the past few years.</p> <p>Please do not approve this development.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Mr S Gordon</p>
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