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Planning Officer
West Sussex County Council
County Hall
Chichester, West Sussex

REF: WSCC/030/21 Pallinghurst Woods, Loxwood

An application for planning permission for a clay quarry and construction materials recycling facility (CMRF) for CD&E wastes including the use of an existing access from Loxwood Road, the extraction and exportation of clay and restoration using suitable recovered materials from the CMRF to nature conservation interest including woodland, waterbodies and wetland habitats

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to this application following submission of additional information by the applicant. My initial objection still stands. I found that that the additional information submitted did nothing to rectify the flaws in the original application.

- 1.** A *biodiversity Emergency* was declared in 2019 by the IPBES¹ and the UK is the most depleted country with respect to its wildlife so we need to look after what we have got.
- 2.** This site contains a range of protected habitats and species which should not be disturbed or wrecked.
- 3.** 2021–2030 is the *United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration*, with the primary aim being to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide. The proposed removal of trees described in the application should not take place.

¹ The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent intergovernmental body established by States to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being.

4. The chair of the IPBES, Prof Sir Bob Watson (former scientific advisor to DEFRA, Dept of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) declared:

"the health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide."

5. and, Sir David Attenborough commented on the threat to biodiversity ie wildlife and natural systems:

"It may sound frightening, but the scientific evidence is that if we have not taken dramatic action within the next decade, we could face irreversible damage to the natural world and the collapse of our societies."

6. Insufficient information has been provided about the use of the range of woodlands by its wildlife, particularly the rare species.

Thank you for your attention.
It is for these reasons I object to this application.

Yours faithfully,
Jill

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