

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>WSCC/030/21 Loxwood Clay Pits, Amended Planning Application Additional Objections</p> <p>Further to my previous objections, I have seen nothing in the applicants revised, amended plans and there proposals, that there is local demand for clay extraction, or that the development of a waste site in the proposed location meets the criteria set out in National Policy.</p> <p>No significant benefit to the local community is demonstrated and it is clear that the large scale movements of HGV vehicles entering and leaving the site and travelling along Loxwood Road pose a significant risk to other road users. The applicant refers to 21 vehicles entering the site daily (42 movements), is there anything in the application which prevents an escalation in the number of movements in the future? It is now stated that lorries leaving the site will only travel east towards Bucks Green, there is no indication of how or if that would or could be enforced.</p> <p>The "Fenley Road Safety Audit Report" - It is beyond belief that the serious concerns of the safety of other road users (vehicles, pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists) warranted a site visit of a mere 30 minutes, mid-morning, mid-week, mid-January during "Covid Lockdown"! The proposal is to operate the business Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, so through morning and afternoon school times, morning and evening work hours and without the restrictions of Lockdown. The volume of road use is now and will remain significantly higher and more varied by vehicle type than were clearly observed in their visit. Loxwood Road generally has a medium to high level all types of traffic, including large Farm Vehicles and HGVs, some of which are unsuitable for the width of the carriageway and or the further restrictions relating to encroachment of hedges and trees.</p> <p>The reference to vehicles exiting the site using the eastern end of the layby is not only incorrect and unsubstantiated, by the authors own admissions, it is totally meaningless. As a resident of Loxwood and regular user of this road, vehicles using this layby use both the west and east as entry and exit points, but predominantly, in my experience the west end is used for both entry and exit.</p> <p>Road safety is a genuine concern, the speed of traffic on Loxwood road relatively high, there are a number of sharp bends, places where the carriageway narrows and areas where the encroachment of trees causes large vehicles to move into the centre of the road.</p> <p>In the last three months I have experienced three incidents whilst driving on this road, two at the proposed site entrance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1: A large commercial vehicle exited the west end of the layby towards Loxwood, the driver had clear site of me approaching but chose to drive into my path and force me brake heavily.2: A large articulated lorry with box trailer exited the east end of the layby as I approached but failed to accelerate. Then travelled east at 15 MPH to the junction with Drungewick Lane and stopped on the carriageway turning on the hazard lights. The road at this point is a bend to the left so I had no forward visibility so I could not proceed.3: Further along the proposed route, an HGV of what the applicant describes as "Type 3" traveling westward on Loxwood Road came through a left bend at a narrow point in the road just west of The Mucky Duck PH. The vehicle was across the centre of the road and travelling at speed. There appeared no attempt by the driver to slow and it was obvious to me that he could not have stopped. Fortunately I was able to take avoiding action and stop. <p>Is this to become the norm for users of Loxwood Road over the next 30 years? It is absolutely the case that this roadway, along its entire length between Loxwood Village and Bucks Green is totally unsuitable for the type and frequency of vehicle movements proposed in this application.</p> <p>I urge to reject the amended application and believe there is nothing in the amendments that addresses the genuine concerns, issues and grounds previously raised.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jeffrey Pocock</p>
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