Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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ENSORE HOUSE, THE WALLED GARDEN, ALFOLD BARS, ALFOLD BARS, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0QS

Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I am a local resident and I strenuously object to this application.

This is a greenfield site and national policy dictates that waste sites should be located in built up areas or brownfield sites, so why is this proposal even being considered? The proposal would cause untold irreversible damage to the site itself and to the areas providing access to it. Specifically, my objections include:

Loss of tranquillity and pollution - noise, dust, light, traffic fumes

Safety - the site will have deep pits yet no detail on boundary security fencing has been given. How would users of the public footpaths and bridleways be protected from risk? Furthermore, the increased traffic, particularly HGV traffic on minor roads is a major area of concern, as is the issue of visibility at the site entrance as we are regular users of these roads.

Environmental damage - the destruction of this beautiful area of ancient woodland would be a dramatic amenity loss for everybody, but would also have a dramatic impact on biodiversity and threaten wildlife, including some endangered species such as bats, that we know to inhabit the area. The bat survey prepared is totally inadequate since it fails to give weight to the use of the woods by bats travelling to and from their foraging areas.

It seems the justification for the project is spurious - according to the WSCC Minerals Monitoring Report there is no demand for additional brickmaking clay in this area and the extraction and transportation of clay is unjustifiable in this age.

I implore the Council to reject this proposal now - this area needs protection, not to be subjected to needless, ruinous devastation

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