

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>For avoidance of any doubt my original objection still stands and there is nothing in the Applicant's latest "additional information" to allay my fears.</p> <p>They have failed to explain how 42 lorries a day up to 6 days a week are going to allow walkers cyclists and horse riders (many of whom are children) safe access to the bridleways and footpaths. The layby is in constant use by members of the public, not only accessing the woods via the Public Right of Way and footpaths, but for rests by drivers, by people answering their phones and by people accessing the footpath opposite to the canal, any remodelling would reduce parking and therefore would be detrimental to the community. Safety in the layby would also be of huge concern particularly to the dog walkers and horse riders</p> <p>Loxwood Road is an unclassified country lane which in several places is just 5 metres wide and below 6 metres wide throughout its length from Bucks Green to Drungewick Lane. For most of it there are no pavements and it is unlit. Forward visibility is poor due to blind bends and undulating ground</p> <p>The Highway Code now states that vehicles should leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking people cycling, whilst travelling at 30 mph, more space is required at higher speeds. Horses either being ridden or carriage driven should be overtaken at speeds less than 10mph and allowing at least 2 metres of space. Pedestrians should also be passed at low speed when there are no pavements and given the same safety gap.</p> <p>The new Highway Code, if strictly enforced, thus does not permit sufficient space for a horse, pedestrian or cyclist to be on this road and to be passed or overtaken by any lorry safely. The road is narrower than a normal highway, or a new road designed to take commercial/industrial traffic. A 2 metre safety gap and a lorry of at least 3 metres in width let alone the horse, pedestrian or cyclist, all of whom now have priority just doesn't go into 5 or even 6 metres safely. How can the Council pass something that from its inception breaches the Highway Code?</p> <p>As it is, this road owing to its width and bends perhaps should now be designated unsuitable for all HGV's and subject to a speed limit along its entire length to Loxwood. The lorry route network map (provided by the Applicant) states that only local access trips should be made on roads not designated on the Network Map, which this road is not, and these roads should be avoided as far as possible. The Applicant has indicated that travel will be from a large area across the County but I'm sure may also include the Applicant's own waste vehicles from London, hardly local! There have also in the past been pedestrian fatalities on this road.</p> <p>Does Loxwood Clay Pits limited hold any interest in the site, the freehold is owned solely by the Danhash family, only one of them, (who appears to be a director of a waste management company in London), is recorded as being a director of the company. Surely the Applicant must hold a lease of at least 33 years, or the freehold of the part of the woodland being affected to succeed in its application. If so, why isn't this registered at the Land Registry?</p> <p>In addition I have not addressed the bio diversity effect on wildlife and in particular the vehicular means of access over the Right Of Way being footpath 795 as these objections have very capably been covered by others and urge the Council to please refuse the application</p>
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