

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	<input type="text" value="WSCC/030/21"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="Liz Morris"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="1 NEW COTTAGES, SPY LANE, SPY LANE, BILLINGSHURST, RH14 0SQ"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>Having reviewed the additional information submitted by the applicant it has done nothing to change my opinion that this application should be rejected.</p> <p>There is only speculation about a market for the clay and this must be a totally inappropriate site for a recycling facility, being 1.2 km inside a pristine woodland habitat, some of which is ancient.</p> <p>Ancient woods are areas of woodland that have persisted since 1600 and have grown and adapted with native wildlife. They are our richest and most complex terrestrial habitat in the UK and home to more threatened species than any other. They are irreplaceable. We can't replace the complex biodiversity of ancient woods which has accumulated over hundreds of years. Of what remains only covers 2.5% of the UK.</p> <p>The worst aspect of this application is the ecological devastation it will bring to the proposed site and also the surrounding woodland. The underground mycorrhizal network will be destroyed by the excavation, putting pay to the idea that the woodland can be restored.</p> <p>Species that live there will obviously be displaced and the intricate ecosystem will be destroyed. Noise, dust and pollution (emissions and light) will negatively impact the woodland surrounding the site and along the access route.</p> <p>The woodland is heavily used and enjoyed by the community and its peace and tranquillity are more important than ever for our mental health. The noise, dust and danger of HGV traffic will make it no longer a location worth going to unwind and listen to birdsong. The constant industrial background noise will alter the character of the village for more than a generation. The proposed additions to the application do not in my opinion mitigate the hazard to public right of way users from HGVs, nor the loss of amenity and woodland that should be protected not destroyed.</p> <p>I strongly urge the planning committee to reject the application.</p>
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