## Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

The additional information submitted by the applicant does not, in my view, change the merits of the application and I wish to register my strong objection once again.

The applicant has not presented any further justification of the need for further construction material recycling in the area. They have also failed to justify their claims that there is a demand for clay, which there is not, and the examples of other sites that they refer to are irrelevant or different in nature.

One of my greatest concerns about the proposal remains road safety and the applicant appears to be heavily underestimating the number of vehicles that would be using Loxwood Road which is already in a poor condition, with crumbling carriage ways, and which is also not wide enough for large construction vehicles. The visibility at the site entrance is also not sufficient for the proposed purpose and is likely to make the road dangerous for all road users.

Additionally, the application remains flawed in terms of the detrimental impact of the proposed site on an area of ancient woodland. The applicant does not appear to have taken into account many species that the woodland supports and they have not factored in the distances that certain species use for commuting and foraging (e.g. bats). The application is fundamentally flawed in that respect and I remain of the view that this area of woodland should be protected at all costs. This is not the appropriate site for the proposed venture and there will be other sites, not within ancient woodland and closer to main arterial roads, that would be far more suitable.

Commercial aspects linked to the proposed site should not be allowed to outweigh the environmental cost and the detriment to those living nearby. If the applicant is granted then we all know that in the future this site will end up as housing as the nature of the land will have changed from being greenfield and that should not be allowed to happen.

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