

Comment for planning application WSCC/030/21

Application number	WSCC/030/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>I wish to comment further on the planning application submitted by Loxwood Claypits Ltd. I would like to make it clear that all the points in my original application still stand and I believe the applicant has given no further answers to the numerous concerns raised previously. Instead they have just set out to criticise WSCC policies.</p> <p>They have claimed there is a shortfall of clay in Surrey yet they have supplied no evidence of this and they have given no name of any potential customers for the clay.</p> <p>There is also no further justification of a construction recycling facility especially in the middle of a tranquil woodland.</p> <p>Since my original objection the highway code has now changed which has a major impact on planning applications. The change of use of the woodland will have a major impact upon the road with 42 daily movements of 16 to 32 ton lorries as well as service vehicles, employee vehicles and fuel vehicles accessing the site. This road is not wide enough for 2 large vehicles to pass each other at multiple points along the road. And it is not possible for HGV's to comply with the new requirements of the Highway Code in passing horses- giving them a two metre clearance, or cyclists who are now permitted to cycle two abreast, one and a half to two metres clearance. This therefore only leaves sufficient width for a car to pass safely.</p> <p>Similarly, even a pedestrian, owing to the lack of pavements and street lighting for its length to the site from Bucks Green, and lack of refuge points along the roadway, cannot be provided with the safety envisaged by the Highway code and be overtaken by a lorry - there is quite simply insufficient room. I would even go so far as to say that Loxwood Road should actually be redesignated as being not suitable for HGV's due to these new changes in the highway code.</p> <p>There has been no further information as to how the safety of the users of the bridle way or footpath will be upheld. The changes to the highway code also covers public rights of way - therefore the lorries will have to give way to the pedestrian and equestrian users. This will potentially lead to a backing up of the lorries onto Loxwood Road at the junction with the layby. The visibility at this point is already poor and therefore I feel a road traffic accident will be inevitable.</p> <p>They have also now stated they will not request the closure of footpath 792-1 along the northern edge of the site, however they have given no information as to how the safety of the users of this PROW will be maintained. Yet we know the site will consist of pits, lagoons and large machinery. Let alone the impact of noise, dust, loss of amenity and tranquility.</p> <p>As well as the safety issues already mentioned, the distance that the site is from a major lorry network, the means of access, both onto the A281, and along the Loxwood Road and the right of way itself, is totally inadequate. Then the unproven need for clay, desecration of the woods, loss of habitat, effect on wildlife and loss of a peaceful and tranquil area should hopefully be sufficient to refuse this Application.</p>
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