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To: PL Planning Applications
Subject: Robert McCracken. Chalmington, Tismans Common, Horsham, RH12 3DY. [redacted] w.r.t. WSCC/030/21
Date: 09 February 2022 15:53:04

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Objection to WSCC/030/21

I would like to add further objection to the proposed Claypits in Loxwood.

The current WSCC waste and minerals policies are there to protect my community and the environment from inappropriate development of which I believe this is one. The policies must be adhered to in full.

There is still no evidence regarding demand for any additional construction recycling capacity in West Sussex.

With regard to the extraction of clay I have still not seen any evidence that there is a shortfall in the area th us there is no evidence of the need for a Claypit.

Even though the applicant no longer proposes to request the closure of PR0W792–1, the affect of an industrial site bordering this public right-of-way will cause considerable loss of amenity with respect to noise dust and tranquillity in the area. It is inevitable that with so many HGVs accessing the site the safety of users of this public right of way will be greatly diminished.

The owners of Loxwood Clay Pits have not been able to detail how they will mitigate biodiversity loss. The surrounding woodland is not owned by LCP and thus not under their control.

The danger to transport users along the Loxwood Road and the A281 will be considerable. It appears that the applicant may have underestimated the number of HGVs that will be needed. The proposed entrance to the site does not provide enough visibility in order to make access safe.

The applicant has made no comment on how they will deal with the water stress issues which exist at the proposed site.

The bat survey which the applicant has carried out does not refer to the wildlife and biodiversity policies of Chichester District. It is also not a large enough survey to take into account the use of the woods by the bats which will be commuting and travelling to their foraging areas. Chichester District has a duty with regard to biodiversity and the protected status of species such as the barbastelle bat. The development of Loxwood Clay Pits would adversely affect the biodiversity of the area.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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