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I am writing to advise that despite the further information supplied by Protreat regarding their original application for the clay extraction and recycling site in Loxwood, I continue to strongly object to this proposed development on a number of grounds as detailed in my last objection and in particular I would like to express the following:

Environmental Concerns:

I do not feel that the impact on the diverse range of wildlife, flora and fauna hosted within the woods has been accurately taken into account despite Protreat's submission of the Habitats Regulations Assessment. This Assessment does not appear to have been informed by robust and comprehensive data and the application does not appear to provide an accurate picture of the true biodiversity within the woodland site.

I also feel very unconfident in the biodiversity loss mitigation plans outlined; and feel the biodiversity should be left undisturbed rather than attempt to remedy the situation decades later, particularly when this plan may be based on inaccurate data regarding what the original biodiversity consisted of as detailed above.

I am also concerned that in light of the well documented issues regarding water neutrality in the local area that there still does not appear to be a plan to address the water stress issues on the site.

Highway Safety Impact:

As a local resident living on Loxwood Road with a family who frequently uses the road and woodland on bicycle and foot, including a child required to walk along the road close to the entrance site in order to catch their school bus; the additional information provided by Protreat gives no reassurances for the safety of vulnerable road users such as ourselves. I am also very concerned that the applicant may be underestimating the number of road movements and it could indeed be considerably greater than the expected 42 movements per day.

Democratic Right to Object:

I am surprised by Protreat's FOI requests to ascertain objectors addresses and county of residence as this would suggest the aim of excluding objections based on geographic's. I strongly oppose any suggestion that objections should not be considered by individuals not residing in the local area. As a walker who uses the woods on a very regular basis, I have met many people accessing the woods from neighbouring counties, particularly people from Surrey, a county only a matter of miles north of the site. My family and myself grew up here and have used the woods our entire lives and whilst some members have now moved to live further afield, they still regularly visit and access the woodland and I am sure that this is not an uncommon scenario.

Additionally environmental destruction is an issue affecting people locally, nationally and internationally and in light of our current climate crisis I feel that anyone who wishes to oppose to issues of environmental concern such as the destruction of woodland and wildlife habits has a right to have their views being heard.

In conclusion, the additional information supplied by Protreat to their original application has not lessened my concerns and indeed have deepened these and I therefore continue to **strongly object.**