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I am writing to vehemently object to application **WSCC/030/21 Pallinghurst Woods, Loxwood**. My previous objection still stands in its own right and there is nothing in the applicants "additional information" that changes my view.

Demand for Clay

The Applicant still **fails to demonstrate a Demand for Clay**, the council are more than meeting their duties for a 25 year supply of clay as required by NPPF(21). **There is no need for this development.**

C,D & E waste and CMRF Capacity

There is **insufficient evidence** to support the need for such a facility and **no sound argument to demonstrate this is the appropriate location.**

Mineral Rights and Deliverability

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A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

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- 1 The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being Land lying to north of Loxwood Road.
- 2 The land tinted pink and edged and numbered 2,3,4 and 5 in blue on the filed plan has the benefit of a right of way over the land between the points A and B on the filed plan.
- 3 The parts of the land tinted pink on the filed plan affected thereby have the benefit of a right of way over the land tinted blue on the filed plan and thence over the track leading to Alfield Road.
- 4 The land tinted yellow on the filed plan excluding the land hatched blue on the filed plan has the benefit of a right of way over the land tinted mauve on the filed plan.
- 5 The mines and minerals under such part of the land in this title other than the land hatched blue on the filed plan as were contained in a Deed of Enfranchisement dated 24 April 1990 and made between (1) The Most Noble Henry Duke of Norfolk (2) The Right Honourable Marmaduke Francis Herries Baron Herries and another (3) Alicia Young and (4) Adrian Young and William James Tong are excepted from the registration.

In the publicly available deeds for the land the applicant plans to develop, entry 5 above, the deeds for the land on which the applicants propose to develop states that the **mines and mineral rights are reserved for Duke of Norfolk**. The applicant appears to overlook this matter in the “Mineral Planning Application Form” - section 6 (ii) where the mineral owner is left blank. Does this invalidate the application, furthermore **is this application even deliverable?**

Democratic Right to Object

I am really disappointed that the **applicant limited the consultation to a very small postcode area**. The applicant has subsequently made FOI requests about the location of objectors which appears to be a desperate attempt to invalidate some of the enormous volume of opposition. The site is within a few miles of the Surrey border, the A281, the planned route in and out of the site runs through Surrey; indeed the owners, the Danhash family, reside around Esher, as does ‘Ian’ a very frequent walker in the woodland. It is utter nonsense and undemocratic to try and invalidate objections by their Geographical location. Many people come from Surrey and the surrounding areas drawn by the beauty and tranquility of Pallinghurst woods; these **people deserve a voice, as does anyone else with valid concerns**.

Ecology

The fact remains, the clearance of forestry, damage to habitats and species and ecosystems is a crisis not just at a local level but nationally and internationally. A **biodiversity Emergency** was announced in 2019 by IPBES. ¹Hayhow et al state the wildlife in the UK is one of the most nature depleted worldwide, most concerning is the **UK’s priority species have declined by 60%**. We must nurture that which is left; **Pallinghurst woodlands have numerous priority species**.

The Sussex Wildlife Trusts Objection 2/2/22, outlines a **net loss of biodiversity at 36.59%**. Additionally **positive management of wildlife in the wider woodland cannot outweigh the loss of the physical extent of priority habitat and its underlying soils** particularly woodland DW1.

The applicant still **fails to address the water neutrality issue** which is well publicised.

Transport

I believe the applicant is **massively underestimating the number of vehicle movements**. Their increased target of restoration of 80%, a significant increase from the original application, would mean one of 2 things, either the void will be filled more quickly or more material will be recycled; the former would be uneconomic so I will assume the latter. More recycled material means more transportation onto site to supply material to be recycled and by definition more recyclable material then transported off site. The concept of backloading (taking materials back out in empty trucks) - is a logistical conundrum which I believe the **applicant is overoptimistic in their assumptions**.

¹ Hayhow et al, The State of Nature 2019. The State of Nature partnership, (2019)

There remains many **severe impacts on highway safety** on the unclassified Loxwood road from the proposed site to the A281. The junction at the **site exit and entry point is dangerous**, the introduction of a massive increase in volume of HGV's will cause a severe risk to road users which include cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.

Furthermore the new highway code, dated 29th January, 2022, gives **priority to cyclists, pedestrians and horse-riders** with at least 1.5m clearance when manoeuvring around them. A massive increase in HGV traffic would produce **a severe risk to these highway users.**

I fear that the routing agreement outlined in the application would NOT be adhered to. Why would a skip lorry driver approaching from the West of Loxwood route via B2133 North /A281 East/Loxwood Road (unclassified) make a 10km diversion (11.8km v 1.8km East along Loxwood Road)

Conclusion

Over **5,000 people signed an online petition** to passionately object to the application; more than **1,500 of them have taken the time to formally object to the application** and the actions of the applicant. As a regular user of the woodlands, I am surprised and delighted to find lots of **people travelling from far and wide to use the fabulous amenity of Pallinghurst Woods.** It would be fundamentally wrong and morally corrupt to exclude the voice of these people. I urge you to ignore any claims from the applicants based on the geographical location of objectors and concentrate on the sentiment contained within them which is **"No way, not here, not ever"**.
I still object very strongly to this application.