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Objection to the above planning application from:
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IMPACT ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT/LOSS OF AMENITY
I have lived in Pigbush Lane for 46 years, and over all those years I have taken many walks along the public footpaths and bridleways within the woodland where the applicants are proposing to site their clay extraction and waste recycling plant.
To date I, and many other local people, have enjoyed the peace and tranquility, the bird life and wild flowers in these woods, which are a local amenity. The woodland contains mature oak trees, birds, bats, small mammals and badgers, and many wildflowers, including orchids. The proposed development would necessitate the felling of trees and the destruction of wildlife and floral habitat. In addition, the noise and disturbance caused by this commercial activity would have an adverse impact on the surrounding woodland habitat and farmland well beyond the boundary of the site and proposed access road.
In short, this proposed development would have a significant adverse impact on the natural environment, as well as the loss of a public amenity enjoyed by many residents in the surrounding villages.

TRAFFIC GENERATION/HIGHWAY SAFETY
The proposed development would result in a significant increase in HGV traffic along the Loxwood Road, which is a minor road with restricted width, constituting a potential hazard to exising road users including horse riders and pedestrians.
The road access at the Loxwood Road/ A281 junction at Bucks Green also constitutes a highway safety issue, as the angles of entry are awkward and the sightlines poor.
Similar safety issues arise if HGVs exit via the Station Road end onto the B2133.
This road is unsuitable for the resulting high number of HGV journeys under this proposal.

SUITABILITY OF LOCATION
National policy is for waste sites to be situated in built-up areas, or brownfield sites. The proposed location is neither of these, being a greenfield site, with areas of ancient woodland around parts of it. Additionally there are no other buildings anywhere within the woodland, and yet the applicants are proposing to erect a 15,000sq ft building within these woods, and a wheel-washing facility at the edge of the woods. Activity at these sites would create noise, light pollution and dust pollution, resulting in the loss of the peace and quiet within these woods enjoyed by so many, and benefiting their mental health.

DEMAND FOR CLAY
I understand that there is no demand for additional clay extraction facilities in West Sussex, since there are already 4 sites with around 25 years supply of clay each. There is no longer a local brickworks, Rudgwick brickworks having closed many years ago, and it is environmentally unsound and uneconomic to transport clay over long distances.
The waste recycling plant is only justifiable through the clay extraction, and on its own is totally unsuitable in this rural, unspoilt location, and I understand there is no requirement

for additional commercial waste recycling facilities in West Sussex.

I ask the planning committee to refuse this completely unsuitable and unjustified application.

Sue Hyem

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