

Letter of Objection.

Application No: WSCC/030/21

Loxwood Clay Pits Limited : Clay quarry and construction materials recycling facility, Pallinghurst Woods, Loxwood Road, Loxwood, West Sussex RH14 0RW.

From: Mr Toby Sleeman. Ivyhurst, Loxwood Rd, Loxwood RH14 0RW.

Objection.

For the avoidance of doubt, my original objection dated 31-08-2021 still stands and I have not read anything within the applicants "additional information" that changes my mind or addresses any of the concerns I raised in my original objection.

I find it baffling when given the opportunity to provide more information all the applicant seems to have done is use the process to criticise WSCC Waste & Minerals Policy, criticise WSCC staff, attempt to disregard the objections from people who do not live in the local parish (ironically neither the applicants nor the agents for the applicant live locally).

The additional information supplied by the applicant is heavy on words but light on content.

The applicant fails to demonstrate.

- **Demand for clay.** The tiny amounts of clay the applicant states they wish to extract would have zero value and certainly could not sustain any brickwork in its own right or add value to any existing brickwork operation. The applicant fails to demonstrate a market or use for this clay and only wishes to extract clay to create a void in which to bury waste.

The applicant has failed to address public safety issues.

- **PROW's.** The applicant has not satisfactorily addressed valid concerns on how pedestrians and HGV traffic would safely share the use of PROW 795. The applicant suggests an automatic barrier on bridleway 3240 but fails to outline how this will be operated and how right of way is maintained. It does not detail how the barrier would be operated by the Elderly, Children, People with Disabilities, Horse Riders, Cyclists etc.

- **Entrance to the site.** It remains that that any member of the public wishing to gain access to the PROW's from the layby would still have to walk across the entrance to the proposed site and have to contend with huge numbers of HGV's coming and going. I find it telling that the applicant has chosen not to address this issue as I feel they know there is no solution to this massive safety concern.
- **The Layby.** Is in constant use by members of the public accessing the PROW's. Remodelling the layby would reduce the parking for the public and represent a loss of amenity to the community. The applicant does not own the layby and merely has access rights across it and should not be allowed to alter it for their own benefit as this would have a detrimental effect on the community.
- **Transport.** The applicant has again failed to demonstrate how lorries would safely access and egress the site via the layby. Lorries turning on a corner of a fast road is simply an accident waiting to happen. On the 29th of January we saw amendments take effect to the Highway Code which include.
 - (leaving at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) when overtaking people cycling at speeds of up to 30mph, and giving them more space when overtaking at higher speeds
 - passing people riding horses or driving horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space
 - allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space and keeping to a low speed when passing people walking in the road (for example, where there's no pavement). I suggest this could be extremely difficult for HGV's to adhere to this on the road between the site and the A281. It is a very narrow road which at some points is only 5.1 Metres wide. This road has a high number of cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders using it on a daily basis.
- **Ecology.** Having read the Sussex Wildlife Trusts objection (2/2/22) I have nothing to add that they have not already expertly covered, other than I was delighted to see, late last autumn an increased activity at the badger set that is within approx. 20 yards of the access route to the site. The badger set and entrance path can be clearly seen from the bridleway and sighting of the badgers in the late evenings are certainly

not uncommon. Again, the applicant seems happy to ignore this Badger set as it doesn't help their cause.

The strength of feeling throughout the local community against this application is huge, evidenced by the volume of objections. I have yet to meet anyone locally who is for this application and it would be a travesty should it be given the green light. I object.