

Loxwood Clay Pits Limited

If you see some boxes hanging in trees along the side of the footpath, to the South West. They are part of an environmental survey being carried out by **Urban Edge Environmental Consulting Ltd**, of Brighton on behalf of **Loxwood Clay Pits Limited** (Company Reg. No. 10729828) who have put in an environment scoping report to Chichester District council in advance of a planning application for a **clay pit along the side of this footpath**. We understand that Loxwood Clay Pits are working with Protreat Ltd.

They have given a report to Loxwood Parish Council who have written to Chichester objecting to the scoping report. The planning officer is Chris Bartlett chris.bartlett@westsussex.gov.uk

I understand that that application could lead to up to 42 lorry movements per day 6 days per week, also, that the lorry routes, there are two of them, will utilise the established forestry transport infrastructure, which are not capable of withstanding the weight and bulk of 40 tonne HGVs for the that much use.

As you know, these woods, the Pallinghurst Woods are used extensively by walkers as a recreational area either on the established public right of way and the myriad of tracks which criss-cross the woods. I understand that the scoping report does not adequately identify how the full environmental impact assessment will address public safety.

You will be aware that this is a heavily wooded area and may not know that part of it is designated as ancient woodland.

We can only imagine that the trucks will exit via the Loxwood Road which is a local, "C" category road with limited carriageway width, not constructed for usage by heavy goods vehicles, nor is it wide enough for two such vehicles to pass safely.

I am sure that you are using this footpath for the peace and tranquillity it provides, as well as the beautiful, seasonally changing nature that it has surrounding it. There are a number of priority habitat designations in the area of the proposed clay pit and within a short radius.

An invertebrate survey, newts and crested newts, is being carried out on ponds belonging to Tismans Farm that are within 400 metres of the proposed site of the clay pit. This gives an indication of the reach of the potential environmental impact.

Please keep an eye out for the planning application when it comes at Chichester District Council and think about writing to Loxwood Parish Council and Chichester District Council planning and environmental officers with your support or objections.