

From:
To: [Cllr Moses Crook](#)
Subject: Planning application 2022/93230
Date: 13 December 2022 15:49:14

I am writing to request that you submit the objection below to the appropriate members of the planning committee.

Kind Regards,

Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to register an objection to planning application 2022/93230.

I understand that the text will be publicly available, however I specifically request that my personal details, including my name and address are redacted from the publicly available record of this complaint. I make this request as I am concerned about the possibility of threatening behaviour and harassment from the applicant.

I wish to formally object to the planning application 2022/93230.

The basis of this objection is multifactorial:

Negative effects on amenity: noise, disturbance and impaired air quality.

The quarry has a negative impact on our air quality due to clouds of site dust, diesel pollution from site machinery and exhaust emissions from the HGVs. I wish to take this opportunity to make the planning committee aware that the number of vehicle movements currently undertaken by the quarry frequently far exceed those permitted and the actions of the quarry operator appear to show they have little regard for restrictions in place. When considering the air quality, the operation of the quarry releases silicate dust and diesel particulates, this is exacerbated by HGVs that serve the quarry. Increasing the size, depth and number of vehicle movements will increase the intensity of the use of the site and increase the level of air pollution. The quarry operates beyond the permitted operational hours, I have witnessed activity at the quarry until after 8pm and have seen vehicles arriving before 7am and on Saturdays and Sundays, meaning that residents are exposed to the impact of pollution from the site most of the time.

The operation of the quarry is a noise disturbance. There is continuous machinery noise and operation of a road sweeper active most of the day. The combination of site noise, vehicle movements and road cleaning means that the impact of noise is very significant.

Public safety: Road and public access

The proposed increased activity increases the accident risk to members of the public, specifically walkers and cyclists. The permitted HGV route is part of the National Cycling Network, route 68 and runs alongside the Peak District National Park. The increased activity of HGVs along this route is at odds with point B6 of the 2025 Kirklees Transport vision: to create safer walking and cycling routes and the national and local planning policies. I believe that the council is obliged to consider the safety of walkers and cyclists. I believe the public road used to access the quarry would not meet HSE standards for the same vehicles if within a work site. There is no segregation from traffic for pedestrians, the road is insufficiently wide and has several blind bends. I have been forced off the road and into the verge whilst driving by large tipper wagons I believe to be bound for the quarry.

In addition I have witnessed wagons using the route past Holmfirth JIN School which is equally unsuitable.

Threat to environment: threat to nesting sites for Lapwings and Curlew- a species of bird identified on the birds of conservation concern list published by the consortia of the RSPB, BTO and Nature England.

The intention to deepen the quarry will go beyond the sandstone layer and into the water bearing shale rock. This may cause contamination of the water supply, with several local premises utilising this supply for domestic use. I note that the quarry had signs for a recycling business in place and am concerned that non-recyclable residue may be stored at the site and present risk of a public nuisance if it reaches the water table.

In addition to the list of specific objections listed above, I would like to note that to date that it is my opinion the Quarry has been operating irresponsibly. There have been no regards to existing planning restrictions for the site, with regards to the operational hours of the quarry and the number of HGV visits through the day being in significant excess of the permitted allowance. There has been a blatant disregard for public right of way and public safety with regards to the destruction of the bridleway adjacent to the quarry. The excessive HGV traffic and active quarrying of the bridleway led to a loss of ground and an impassable public route. This bridleway destruction and loss of the public highway was only rectified following active intervention by the council. The road and surface destruction at the quarry, without a suitable drainage system has led to a change in the surface water drainage in the local area. Following heavy rainfall there is a river of stone coloured water with the appearance suggestive of oil or diesel contamination that originates from the quarry junction that runs down from Cartworth Moor Road and onto Cartworth Bank Road. , The change in water drainage causes damage to the junction between Hill Top Road and Cartworth Bank Road, before finally draining into the stream and rivers of Holmfirth.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that we have lived as neighbours to the other quarries within close proximity of our home without cause for concern. The other quarry owners have been respectful of the area and planning regulations. It is only since the Windy Ridge Quarry has been under its current lease and manager that we noticed the significant increase in noise, which has made it undesirable to be outside, increased dust in the air, raising concerns about the potential associated respiratory diseases and a general deterioration in the quality of our local environment.