

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 submit my concerns with the planning application 2022/93230.

I understand that the details of the objection 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 personally concerned about the threat of harassment risk for my physical safety and that of my children.

For your records only:

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 the local air quality due to site dust, increased road destruction and exhaust emissions from the HGVs. The number of vehicles frequently exceeds the permitted number as described in the current permissions and operate outside the permitted operational hours. 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. The quarry operates beyond the permitted operational hours, meaning the residents are exposed to the impact of the negative air quality most of the time.

The operation of the quarry is a noise disturbance.

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.

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 consortium 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.

In addition to the list of specific objections listed above, I would like to note that to date the Quarry has been operating irresponsibly. There have been no regards to existing planning permissions 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 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.

Regards,