

About the application

Application number: 2022/93230	
What is the application for?:	Deepen and extend Windy Ridge Quarry; increase the number of HGV movements permi
Address of the site or building:	Windy Ridge Quarry, Cartworth Moor Road, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth, HD9 2RL
Postcode:	HD9 2RL

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I would like to register my objection to the above planning application on the following grounds.

The number of HGV movements currently far exceeds the existing permission of 8 movements in and 8 out per day (the actual number observed is closer to 30-40 in and 30-40 out per day). The damage this is causing to the road coverings and verges leading from the unmade track from bare bones road to Cartworth moor road into the bridleway entrance to the quarry is significant. The road surface has only been recovered in the last two years and is already showing signs of breaking up. The speed and volume of heavily loaded tipper waggons creates a large amount of mud, debris and dust that is both unsafe for recreational users and detracts from the amenity value of the green belt location. One can only imagine the further increase in frequency and volume in heavy goods vehicles into the quarry from what is already a greater elevated risk road safety if the planning is approved.

The hours of operation are frequently ignored with quarry activity carrying on in the early hours in the morning into late hours of a weekday and weekend.

The permitted depth of the quarry has already been breached and has gone down to shale depth in places threatening pollution to local spring water supplies. this coupled to large amounts of mud and silt run off that floods down Cartworth moor road causing both a nuisance and raised potential of blocking drains and a detrimental impact on local water courses

The character of the area is being eroded and can only be exacerbated if the permission is granted.

The appears to be a blatant disregard by the current operator of the quarry for any planning conditions and restrictions in place. As the council will be well aware the applicants history for leaving an expensive and costly clean up at tax payers expense, distress to nearby residents and impact on the environment in other parts of Kirklees is factually proven and documented. One can again only foresee a bigger problem (which is already being demonstrated by the current operators irresponsible use of the site) if the permission is granted.