

Address: 36 Cumberworth Lane Huddersfield HD8 8PA

About the application

Application number: 2023/91280	
What is the application for?:	Quarrying operations for the extraction of clay, shale and incidental coal and s
Address of the site or building:	Bromley Farm Quarry, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8PD
Postcode:	S36 4HG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry. It will be detrimental to the locality and to the conservation area of Upper Cumberworth and upper Dearne Woodlands for the following reasons: The proposed development would have a major impact on the natural environment. The most immediate impact is on the agricultural land use which would destroy animal, insect and plant habitats. Less than half a mile away are the Upper Dearne Woodlands, a conservation area home for a variety of wildlife including bats, badgers, deer, woodpeckers, owls and a variety of other animal and birds. This natural environment will be greatly affected by such a development right on its doorstep. What may have been acceptable when planning permission was granted for the original quarry many years ago is not acceptable today where effects on the natural environment should be granted a far greater say in decisions such as this. Particularly when nationally and locally we have a much sharper focus on environmental matters. The application document almost ignores the affect on the environment in this semi rural area the development which would be very much out of keeping with the rest of the area creating a visible eyesore. In terms of noise, disturbance and pollution local analysis of the plans suggest that there would be a HGV entering or leaving the site every six minutes. The exact numbers though are very unclear and must cast doubt on whether Wavin are able to clarify EXACTLY the vehicle numbers involved. I note also the hours of work. 7.30am to 6pm on Monday to Fridays and 7am to 1am on Saturdays. These hours are too long with noise pollution a great concern. The issues of traffic in upper Cumberworth and Lower Cumberworth have been picked up on numerous occasions with local ward councillors and senior officers. The roads are not made for large waggon traffic and these often block the roads to other vehicles, there has also been damage to highways and pedestrian access as a result of usage, which with increased volumes increases the risk of accidents and damage. The general affect on local traffic, the added congestion at the Sovereign crossroads and Carr Hill Road which is already a serious problem as referred to above, In my experience Wavin lorries do not use existing A roads to deliver to Crow Edge They take the shortest route possible be that B roads or smaller this is already an issue and is not contributed to the council altering	

B roads or smaller this is already an issue and in part contributed to the council altering usage of Carr Hill Lane . This will only get worse.

I also note the use of the existing entrance to the Council tip off A635. This is barely wide enough for two cars to pass. When HGVs at the rate of one every 6 minutes use the site as well as the cars visiting the tip this will lead to traffic congestion as well as noise. This is especially so on Saturday morning, the busiest time at the tip.

I do not understand why the spur road leading to the quarry to be the width of 2 HGVs? Wavin clearly recognise access will be a problem when making this road such a width with no alteration in the existing tip road. More planning permission required?

There are also suggestions of other hazards :

Landfill Gas potential as suggested in the report of Enviro AG which may lead to explosions

Mine Gas potential as suggested by the Coal Authority report which may lead to explosions and toxic gas release.

Noise Pollution both in the quarry and on local roads.

Dust pollution, clay and shale are known to be very dusty. Regardless of any safeguards Wavin may suggest dust will undoubtedly increase.

The affects of all the above on the local primary school only yards from the quarry which of course sits within the Cumberworth conservation area.

The detrimental affect on local house prices. Can Wavin compensate using the profits they will make as a result of the proposal?

With all the affects I have stated above I believe the Council should decline the application. There is no benefit for the community to live alongside the dirt, noise, pollution and disturbance as well as the enviromental devastation the site is due to cause for the next 25 years Crucial to my objection is that the development will safeguard zero jobs in Kirklees. Absolutely none. Wavin Hazlehead has the following postcode S36 4HG, a South Yorkshire not a Kirkless postcode.