

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 can only agree with the opinions of the previous complainants with regard to the detrimental environment impact of this proposal. Thus affecting wildlife. Creating excessive traffic and noise associated with heavy goods vehicles. In any but bone dry conditions dirt and slurry would be carried into Barnsley Road creating a skid hazard. In dry weather Clay dust would probably blow into Cumberworth Lane affecting the farm and the approaches to both Upper and Lower Cumberworth Villages.

The application states that a public footpath runs alongside the site. In fact it crosses the road at the point where the new road joins the existing road to the recycling centre creating a cross road right on a sharp right angled bend on a relatively blind summit. A mix of waggons in two directions, private cars entering and exiting the recycling centre both having to cross each others path plus walkers, many of them children, all at a blind point on the junction would appear to be a recipe for disaster.

Waggons every six minutes up and down Barnsley Road are almost bound to form queues. If this is allowed on the road to the recycle centre both operations will probably come to a standstill because the road isn't wide enough to allow cars in both directions to pass stationary waggons. The road through Upper Cumberworth is 40 mph but the most likely route to and from Wavin's works at Crow Edge is Via Carr Hill Road. This would mean that traffic going to and from the quarry would have to cross the busy A629 in both directions. A noted accident black spot. Apart from traveling through a large part of the village incoming waggons reaching the junction by the Star Pub would have to make a right turn across the traffic in Barnsley Road. This junction and crossing is used by the children and parents for the first school who have permission to park in the Star car park when delivering and collecting their children.

If this application had been for a wind farm then the company applying for the development would have included in their application a provision of an annual fund to be used by those affected by the development for the benefit of the community. The fund for the three large turbines above Ingbirchworth is £10,000 per annum for twenty five years of which the Huddersfield and District Model Aircraft Club receives the first £1,000 as being the most affected by the development. Another three turbines close to Carlecotes operates a similar scheme.

I would hope that this application is rejected but if the Council and Planning department are willing to ignore the objections and approve it I would hope that they would insist that Wavin set up a trust that residents and organisations in the two villages affected can draw on.

In the case of a wind farm the only time there is major disruption is during the construction after this the only time there is anything other than a visual and/or noise distraction is when maintenance occurs. Wavin's scheme will alter the traffic load and disrupt the environment around the two villages for the whole of twenty five years, and probably beyond. Any fund set up should therefor reflect the ongoing disruption over the whole period and should most probably be index linked to inflation.