

About the application

Application number: 2023/62/91280/E0	
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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I wish to echo the comments made by several members of the local community and would support these plans being rejected for various reasons.

Not only will the proposed plans have a detrimental environment impact to the local area it will also have a impact on the welfare and wellbeing of the local community.

The area (and surrounding villages) are ever expanding yet the infrastructure - roads, lighting etc - haven't been increased to meet demands. The proposed plans create excessive traffic and noise associated with heavy goods vehicles on roads that carry weight restrictions. Unless conditions are applied to HGV drivers ensuring only main roads are used both Carr Hill Lane and Cumberworth Lane will be impacted despite both being unsuitable for larger vehicles and used as rat runs in peak times - using junctions that are known accident blackspots. Why increase the risk?

In the summer months there would be no suppression system to reduce/prevent dust and previous works in the area meant airborne pollution carried across a wide area. We live on Cumberworth Lane by the church and windows, cars and drying clothes were covered in dust. As an asthmatic I am also worried the impacts to my health with increase air pollution levels.

Wet waste would be carried into Barnsley Road creating a skid hazard for road users - has a drainage survey been carried out to understand the impact to the drainage network as the roads manholes are often overflowing due to water flow rates. Adding additional silt and debris would impact on nearby streams and rivers and impacts villages further down the valley.

We have 2x play areas in the village - less than a mile away - along with a cricket club. Our nearby football club (with 18 junior teams and 3 adult - 400+ participants) is within a mile and our woods and fields are popular with walkers and hikers with local businesses benefitting from the custom this footfall brings. We encourage our young people to embrace our outdoor spaces yet this proposal undermines the hard work of community groups to keep people active.

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.

I would hope that this application is rejected.