

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

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We wish to object to the proposed opening of a quarry at Bromley Farm, Upper Cumberworth. We are very concerned about the increase of HGV traffic this will cause. The Transport Statement says there will be 120 HGV movements per day with HGVs leaving every 6 minutes, on weekdays between 07:30 and 18:00, and on Saturdays between 07:00 and 13:00. This is set to continue for 25 years. It asserts that this "would not result in excessive vehicle trips that would be discernible from the daily fluctuations in flows that could be expected on the local public highway network. ... the level of traffic generated by the proposals can easily be accommodated and will have no material impact on the safe operation of the local highway and will not significantly add to any congestion at the peak times on the local network." Yet the Statement gives no consideration to the impact on the road network beyond the immediate vicinity of the site.

How will HGVs travel to Crow Edge? One route would be to turn off the A635 onto Carr Hill Road, crossing its junction with the A629 to continue via Haddingley to Crow Edge. This avoids the junction with the A629 at the Sovereign Inn.

This junction is why Carr Hill Road is already a rat-run, especially at peak times. Carr Hill is residential for almost its entire length. It is used by pedestrians, including parents taking their children to and from school, by cyclists, walkers and horses, as well as agricultural vehicles. There is a pavement only for a stretch at the bottom. It has three deceptive bends. Our property stands on one of these. Our neighbours' cottages stand immediately on the roadside. Lorries pass within a yard of our walls, causing significant vibration and noise as well as fumes and particulate-pollution. The speed-limit is routinely broken. The impact of HGVs passing at a rate of one every six minutes is nowhere addressed in the application.

The second route runs along the A635 to the junction with the A629 at the Sovereign Inn, a notoriously dangerous junction, with long delays at peak hours and many accidents. Putting HGVs through at a rate given is bound to have an impact on traffic-flows.

There is a further problem. The lower end of Carr Hill Road has a restriction prohibiting HGVs of 30 tons or more from continuing towards the A635 at the Star. HGVs would therefore have to return via the Sovereign instead, making a right there, a particularly hazardous manoeuvre. If instead they come down from Haddingley via Piper Wells Lane to cross onto the A635, that would be just as bad.

It is hard to exaggerate the harmful and dangerous effects on local traffic patterns and on the neighbourhood as a whole. Yet none of this is considered in the application. There are several further strong environmental grounds for opposing this application. They have been powerfully set out by others. The application should certainly be refused.