

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 object to this application for quarrying at Bromley Park for the following reasons:

The approach road to the proposed site is narrow and poorly surfaced, the uphill section immediately beyond the junction with the A635 being particularly narrow and essentially operating as a single lane for traffic accessing and egressing the Bromley Farm recycling centre.

It is also common for traffic waiting to enter the recycling centre to queue back beyond the location of the proposed new site access which will cause disruption to the operation and frustration for drivers trying to access either site. The level of residential development in the surrounding villages particularly Scissett, Skelmanthorpe and Shepley will lead to increased demand for the recycling centre which will only serve to exacerbate the issue.

The consideration of highway access to the site in the "Traffic Statement" only goes as far as the junction between the existing access road and the A635. Whilst the report states that this specific junction does not have an accident history it fails to recognise that fully loaded wagons leaving the proposed facility will be travelling slower away from the junction up the hill than the existing traffic that uses this junction. Regular users of the road will all have experienced people overtaking slow moving vehicles up this stretch of the A635 through the hatchings and the introduction of this new, and regular, traffic will increase this risk significantly.

As the submission doesn't consider traffic beyond the junction on the basis that the A635 is a major road it fails to recognise the reality that the proposed traffic will only be on this road for around 500m. At this point, despite having an existing 3.5ton weight restriction, this type of traffic (particularly those heading for Crow Edge) turn onto Carr Hill Road to avoid negotiating the junction at the Sovereign, which does have a high accident incidence. Carr Hill Road is a 30mph residential street which lacks footpaths for the majority of its length. Traffic on this road is already very busy in the morning and late afternoon with the majority of drivers failing to adhere to the speed limit and overtaking not being an uncommon occurrence. This additional, and slow moving traffic, will increase the risk and nuisance to residents and particularly pedestrians who through lack of pavements are forced to walk in the carriageway. The additional and slow moving traffic at the junctions at both ends of Carr Hill Road will also impose additional risk on both the A635 and particularly the A629. At the A629 junction the majority of the traffic fails to observe the 30mph speed limit above the Sovereign which significantly affects drivers judgement on when it is safe to pull out and in my view the length and speed of this additional traffic will significantly increase the collision risk.