

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 the proposed new quarry at Bromley Farm – planning application 2023/62/91280/EO. • BE IN NO DOUBT this is a planning application for a new quarry – not as put forward by the developer as an extension to an existing quarry. (This is yet another get around of planning law by developers of quarries as it is easier to get planning for an extension than to apply for a new quarry. Plus it has the added advantage for quarry developers as having less as well as watered down regulations to adhere to)– The Old Bromley Quarry which was first given permission to start quarrying in 1974 stopped being worked in either 2014 or 2015 (both dates are given in the literature accompanying the planning application). Since 2014/15 the old quarry has been back filled and is now agricultural land. Residents of Upper Cumberworth and the surrounding area after 40+ years of quarrying have at last for the past few years not had to deal with the effects of quarrying on their health, wellbeing, safety and quality of life. • As a new application Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP36 should be complied with. This application fails the requirement of this policy in a number of areas: - o It will have a significant impact on the environment – which cannot be mitigated against as we see first and with this already over quarried area of Kirklees - o It will have a significant negative impact on residential amenity and highway safety that cannot be mitigated against. - o It will have a significant negative impact on human health that cannot be mitigated against - o It will add to the cumulative effects arising from multiple impacts from individual sites and/or a number of sites in a locality • It will cause - o An unacceptable detriment to the landscape including its character and local visual amenity, during and subsequent to extraction; restoration is extremely slow adding years sometimes decades onto an already long time scale with the council allowing extension after extension on time limits. Restoration is often poor and lacking in character- (by taking the bones of the land away rebuilding it with rubbish it can never be the same- a poor replica is born) - o Material detrimental to interests of nature conservation. All this talk of mitigation for nature and increasing biodiversity is totally incorrect, in fact misleading, serving only to	

nature and increasing biodiversity is totally incorrect, in fact misleading, serving only to make the quarry developers look good .Common sense shows us if you wipe out an area of grass, soil, rocks etc that initial act alone kills and wipes out all manner of fauna and flora, wildlife of all sizes. Their homes feeding and breeding grounds are destroyed. Those that can move to other areas through the sketchy marginal wildlife habitat networks cannot come back through the entire lifetime of the quarrying process. Any future generations of insects, invertebrates, birds and mammals (40+ years worth)would have to wait more years to move and inhabit a restored land mass which takes decades to mature to support the nature that inhabited the land before .

o nuisance or materially significant disturbance to local residents as a consequence of the generation of dust, noise or vibration by site operations or associated transport; (those of us living in the area have had enough of this and it is about time this area was given respite from quarrying and the council put in place a scheme whereby huge bonds of money were taken in advance from these companies to actually do proper restoration projects in a timely manner).

o prejudice to highway safety through the volume or nature of vehicle movements it generates

- In terms of Highway Safety the movement of 120 HGVs six days a week for 25 years is totally unacceptable. There has been no indication of the route that these HGVs will take from the new Quarry to the factory site in Crow Edge. This route could possibly be via roads that have no pavements, pass close to schools, are in residential areas, are single laned, part of the Trans Pennine Trail and are used by more vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, or horse riders. Such vehicle movement in these areas would be highly dangerous and totally unacceptable.

- The Sovereign Junction and roads running in all directions from it are already heavily used by lorries on a daily basis and due to congestion over recent years have moved to using all the backcountry roads as well as the Carr Hill junction. This is already dangerous and as was said to me by the council's highways expert(at the time) at the planning inspectors public meeting for minerals prior to adopting the Kirklees plan "Well you do have to have your wits about you and take your life in your hands when using the Sovereign junction". A massive increase in heavy vehicle movement seems counter intuitive at a time when Kirklees have for a number of years been actively promoting walking and cycling. Children are being encouraged to walk to and from school and often use the country back roads.

- I can find no details of any community consultation having taken place about these proposals contrary to advice issued in the National Planning Policy Framework – Section 4- This is an extremely important issue for residents ,school children and road users in and around the planned quarry area as well as road users coming through on a daily basis.

- The council and planners should therefore view this as a serious matter that requires a community consultation with local councilors involvement as a priority.