

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 am writing to object to the proposed application. This is for a multitude of reasons, outlined below.

The application states there is no protected wildlife, but we have bats in the area, along with barn owls, tawny owls and little owls. The trees and agricultural landscape are what differentiates Upper Cumberworth from other villages locally and so it is misleading to say these do not have importance for the community. The development sits just outside of the conservation area and will create pollution over the very area that is supposed to be protected.

Our property backs onto Barnsley Road. The quarry trucks will be going past our property every 6 minutes on the way to and from the quarry. This will be all day from Monday - Friday, and half a day on a Saturday. The road is already incredibly noisy and adding this number of additional HGVs will hugely increase both the noise and air pollution we are exposed to from the road. Coupled with additional dust and debris that will land in our garden, it will prevent us from being able to enjoy our property. You only have to travel a short way to the sovereign to see the amount of dirt and dust produced by local quarries which blows over residents' gardens & vehicles.

The junction at the star pub and further down at the sovereign are already challenging to navigate at rush hour / school time due to the amount of traffic and neither area can afford to accommodate more heavy traffic unnecessarily.

The working hours are completely unrealistic for a rural community, and the noise will travel much further early in the mornings, particularly on Saturdays when there is less background noise in general. Again, we will lose the peaceful lifestyle we have built for ourselves here.

The proposed access road is not wide enough to fit two normal vehicles at present, and would require substantial expansion to be able to be used for their purposes. This further cuts into green space and the existing public footpaths.

The development does not benefit the local community in any way; it does not create a beneficial number of jobs for local people, it takes away green space and walking routes and it will create a huge amount of pollution and noise which will affect the physical health and mental well-being of the local community. As someone with who lives with someone who has a breathing condition, I have major concerns about the amount of dust that will be produced and the effects this will have on her, myself and other vulnerable people in the community who came to live here for the clean air. It is also in close proximity to a primary school, and children should not have to be exposed to such air pollution when they are in the playground.

Back in 2015, the Huddersfield Examiner reported that Wavin had stated that all minerals had been extracted from the site and Wavin themselves confirmed that they would be completely off the site by 2020. It doesn't make sense that the same company are now submitting a new quarrying application.

I hope the council will take into consideration the wishes of the people who live here, because it is us who will suffer if it is allowed to go through.