

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 wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry for the following reasons:

1. Environmental.

The application document notes that the trees and hedges present at the proposed site are not important as part of the local landscape character, this is simply not correct. Cumberworth/Denby Dale is a semi-rural area – the land is a mixture of agricultural and residential use, and the trees and hedges are a large part of the local character, as well as providing habitats for wildlife. The development would be out of keeping with the area creating a visible eyesore. The proposed site will also be visible from some of the houses in Upper Cumberworth, Cumberworth Lane, and from the public right of way that passes nearby. This view is supported by the KC, Conservation and design report: “The proposals will also include a stated 5m screening mound.

While this will provide some form of visual mitigation, it will create an obtrusive feature.” In other words, it will not be in keeping with the character of the area.

In addition the proposed works will create noise pollution in a quiet, rural area. The previous quarry workings were extremely noisy with most noise caused by HGVs being loaded/unloaded and being driven on uneven road surfaces when empty. Reversing warning sirens were a constant disturbance as was the noise associated with rock crushing. The proposed hours of working fall outside the normal 9-5 working week and therefore extend into times when most residents will be at home. Noise pollution is more evident and disturbing in these quieter times as noise from workings will carry on a long way, particularly for example on Saturday mornings.

Finally, the Environment Agency notes that the proposed site is close to historic landfill areas and the Coal Authority notes it is close to historic mine workings, both of which can lead to escape of gases.

2. Road safety

By Wavin's own admittance that there will be 120 movements of additional Heavy Goods Vehicles entering and leaving the site from/to the A639 Barnsley Road every six minutes. Contrary to the view in the 'Consultation' supporting the application, that there will be little impact to traffic flow, there will be substantial impact on this busy road in a number of ways:

- Large, heavily laden articulated vehicles (as described in the application) pulling out slowly to turn right up the hill is potentially dangerous and could cause delays.
- Other roads the lorries will be using en route to Crow Edge are not suitable for large waggon traffic. In particular lorries should not be permitted to use the 'shortcut' along Carr Hill Road. This road is residential and has no pavement. It is popular with dog-walkers, children walking to Cumberworth First School, and cyclists. At the western end, lorries would have to cross the busy A629 where traffic coming from the north comes around the corner at often high speed and where the view of the road is restricted by the bend. The alternative route is to use the Sovereign crossroads which is already very busy and an accident blackspot. Therefore congestion and the risk of accidents will increase.

3. Economic

There is no economic benefit for the local community or indeed to Kirklees more widely. No new jobs are being created and Wavin is not based in Kirklees.