

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I wish to object most strongly against the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry for the following reasons.

The increased number and frequency of HGVs travelling to and from the site. 120 daily, 660 weekly, 34,320 annually if the figures supplied in the application are correct , there appears to be a lack of clarity on this point at present.

The increased safety risk at an already problematical Sovereign cross roads, the Star cross roads and the cross road from Carr Hill Road to Dearn Dyke Lane as well as the cross roads at five lanes end.

The extra damage to already poorly maintained local roads, that this volume, weight and type of vehicle will cause creating more expense on road maintenance, which I assume will be paid for by the residents of Kirklees, not the profit making company.

The safety and well being of other vulnerable road users; horse riders, walkers, cyclists and runners who already have to contend with the lanes carrying vehicles unsuited to there size and weight with no footpaths or road lighting.

The pollution from this increase in HGV movement will affect the air quality for local residents, something which is currently being addressed at both national and local level throughout the country and which seems to run counter to Kirklees Councils own strategies. The increase in HGVs will also add to the noise, dust and dirt pollution, this is especially concerning for residents with health issues related to the above pollutants and to the parents of children attending Cumberworth first school.

The working times stated are excessive 7am to 6pm on week days and 7.30am to 1pm on Saturdays giving the local community no respite from the noise, dust and dirt pollution. This goes directly against the purpose of Active Travel England who are looking to create quieter roads and neighbourhoods, reduce local congestion, give safe infrastructure design to reduce the risk of near misses and collisions.

The proposed development gives no consideration to its impact on the Natural Environment and the wild life, bird life and insect ecosystems that we are now trying to protect and enhance as a community.

There are suggestions of other hazards such as Landfill Gas potential as suggested in the Enviro AG report which may lead to explosions. Mine Gas potential as suggested by the Coal Authority report which may lead to explosions and toxic gas release. Also the conditional objection by the Environment Agency specifically unacceptable levels of water pollution. All of these issues plus the noise, dust and air pollution will take there toll on the local community and the Natural Environment.

This development in a residential semi rural area is unwanted and undesirable for all but the developer.

Kirklees has the following stated strategic aim. Our vision is for Net Zero and Climate ready Kirklees by 2038 {Kirklees.gov.uk Our Targets}. Approving a development for open cast mining for shale, clay and associated coal that adds considerably to diesel emissions on the roads and promotes open cast coal and shale mining cannot be compatible with that stated aim and will continue beyond 2038 until almost 2050.

There is no economic, health or lifestyle benefit to the local community for the entirety of the scheme {25 years}. Everything is detrimental

There is no economic, environmental, ecological or developmental benefit to the immediate area of Lower Cumberworth, Upper Cumberworth and Crow Edge or the wider area within the Kirklees boundry. All aspects are detrimental.