

Address: 2 Haddingley Lane Haddingley Lane Huddersfield HD8 8YA

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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To Whom it may concern, I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Quarry site by Wavin on Barnsley Road. The most ardent reason behind my complaint is the woefully inadequate state of the country roads on which the conveyor of wagons will be travelling. I am writing from number 2 Haddingley Lane, which sits on the '5 Lane ends' junction above Lower Cumberworth. The council should be aware after three years of inaction on their part that there is a blocked culvert under the highway outside our property which is causing and has caused our house to flood for a number of years. The culvert has collapsed due to the already heavy HGV traffic which travels across the junction to the Plevin/Wavin Site amongst others. The construction of this culvert was not designed to withstand the heavy traffic which is being proposed to increase ten-fold by this planning application. In addition, the very layout of the road, namely Haddingley lane at the corner by the Gawthorpe farm does not lend itself to the constant use of HGVs and the like, it is the second very tight bend after the junction. There is also a sharp bend at the bottom of Carr Hill Road which, with the addition of parked cars, is simply not feasible for large wagons. It is also important to say that our front garden sits directly at the junction. This front garden has only just been reinstated after we have dug a hole to add to our case against the council. It seems almost laughable that on top of the ignorance of the council regarding the unblocking of the culvert on their land, they will now subject us to a HGV driving inches away from the front wall of our property every 6 minutes. In addition to the woeful invasion of privacy, I will mention here my further concerns to the impact of pollution and the detriment to the road surfaces due to dust etc not only to our house but to the adjacent terraces of number 4 and 6 Haddingley Lane. We have never been able to use the front garden due to the 'culvert' situation, and should this application be approved, we will be further prevented from using the patio. By approving this application, you will not only make our house more unlivable than it already is due to the flooding, but also more unsellable if this is at all possible. We are a young family and do not deserve this relentless campaign to ruin our prospects. I will also cite concerns for the safety of not only other vehicles using this road and	

I will also site concerns for the safety of not only other vehicles using this road and junction but of the numerous cyclists pedestrians and horses which pass by regularly. The junction forms part of the route of popular cycle ways and footpaths, and is surrounded by countryside used predominantly for agriculture, and lanes used in a large proportion for leisure pursuits.

Furthermore the crossroads at the top of Carr Hill Road which the HGV's will be crossing regularly, is already dangerous due to the cars driving past on Penistone Road at high speed. The alternative route for the wagons will be to loop left from the sovereign garage which is difficult even for smaller vehicles.

The expansion of the quarry itself even before the wagon increase must be looked at from an ecological perspective. Although Kirklees are not known to be the most reliable or even moral when it comes to their intentions, I would have thought that even the planners involved would take a hard look at the detriment of this expansion to the surrounding countryside whether they care or not regarding removal of habitats increasing air and noise pollution very close to a village school and relatively densely populated residential areas. There is no benefit to Kirklees whatsoever, with Wavin simply wanting to use our highways as a thoroughfare from A to B. Point B not even being within the Kirklees constituency

Upper Dearne woods has been made into a wonderful haven for nature lovers and school children by the Cumberworth community group, who have put a lot of time into making into a habitat for a plethora of species. These are animals which, especially the birds I fear will be frightened away by the workings in the quarry

Should this application be approved, I would like to think that Wavin would leave some funds from their profits to the fixing and maintenance of the highways to accommodate the HGV traffic, and to ease the burden felt by homeowners and users of the roads on the conveyor belt route in addition to the conservation of the surrounding countryside. The Marshalls quarry for example, pays for a street sweeper to take the dust off the roads and has done for years. This at the very least is a cordial thing to do, and a possible suggestion of where Wavin could start.

I believe this to be just another example of an attack on the semi rural landscape in which we live. I implore the decision makers to think considerably about what this development would mean to the people that live in the surrounding area, and to think about the environment, before their already well-lined pockets. Denying this application would present a long awaited opportunity for people living in the area to invest trust in not only Kirklees Council, but democracy too.

I IMPLORE YOU NOT TO APPROVE.