

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

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I wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities.

The activities will have an adverse impact on the local environment, including the conservation area of Upper Cumberworth and Upper Dearn Woodlands. The risk to wildlife and ecosystems is unacceptable. The quarry would destroy habitats locally, and impact fauna and flora in the habitats of Upper Dearn Woodlands, less than half a mile away. This flies in the face of local and national commitments to environment protection.

Kirklees Council has the following stated strategic aim 'Our vision is for a Net Zero and Climate Ready Kirklees by 2038.' Approving a development for open cast mining for shale, clay and associated coal that also adds considerably to diesel emissions on the roads cannot be compatible with that stated aim.

The increased number of HGV vehicles and associated movements would add considerably to local traffic, increasing noise and pollution. An HGV entering or leaving the site every six minutes (as suggested by the plans), would have an unacceptable impact on our community. The issues of traffic in Cumberworth are already of concern, with local ward councillors already involved. The general effect on local traffic & the added congestion at the Sovereign crossroads / Carr Hill Road would be problematic, with heavy traffic increasing the likelihood of accidents. If HGVs at the rate of one every 6 minutes use the site as well as the cars visiting the tip this will lead to traffic congestion as well as noise and air pollution. Contrary to the view in the 'Consultation' supporting the application, that there will be little impact to traffic flow, there is bound to be substantial impact on this busy road particularly with very large heavily laden articulated vehicles (as described in the application) pulling out slowly to turn right up the hill.

The hours of work are too long, with noise pollution being a great concern to local residents. Quarry workings are noisy, with noise caused by HGVs being loaded/unloaded and being driven on uneven road surfaces when empty. Reversing warning sirens would cause disturbance as would noise associated with rock crushing. Dirt and dust from the site would adversely impact those living locally. The increased dust and diesel fumes would be a health concern. There is a school in Upper Cumberworth, I do not believe that the children attending the school should be exposed to this increased pollution. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework states that planning decisions need to 'enable and support healthy lifestyles.' Having increased traffic, combined with a 'dirty' industry reintroduced to the area does not support this aim.

There are also suggestions of other hazards - Landfill Gas potential as suggested in the report of Enviro AG which may lead to explosions. Mine Gas potential as suggested by the Coal Authority report which may lead to explosions and toxic gas release. This risk is unacceptable in an area close to housing.

For these reasons I believe that the Council should refuse this application.