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Application number: 2023/62/91280/E0	
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

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It will be detrimental to the locality and to the conservation area of Upper Cumberworth and Upper Dearne Woodlands. The proposed development would have a major impact on the natural environment. The most immediate impact is on the agricultural land use which would destroy animal, insect and plant habitats. Less than half a mile away are the Upper Dearne Woodlands, a conservation area home for a variety of wildlife including bats, badgers, deer, woodpeckers, owls and a variety of other animal and birds. Nationally and locally we have a much sharper focus on environmental matters. 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 application document almost ignores the effect on the environment in this semi rural area the development which would be very much out of keeping with the rest of the area creating a visible eyesore. Kirklees Council has the following stated strategic aim 'Our vision is for a 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.

The increased number of HGV vehicles and associated movements accessing the proposed mining site will add considerably to local traffic, creating excessive traffic, noise and pollution associated with heavy goods vehicles. The plans suggest that there would be a HGV entering or leaving the site every six minutes. The exact numbers though are very unclear and must cast doubt on whether Wavin are able to clarify EXACTLY the vehicle numbers involved. I also note the hours of work. 7.00am to 6pm on Monday to Fridays and 7.30am to 1pm on Saturdays. These hours are too long with noise pollution a great concern. The issues of traffic in upper Cumberworth and Lower Cumberworth have already been picked up on numerous occasions with local ward councillors and senior officers. The roads are not made for large waggon traffic, and these often block the roads to other vehicles, there has also been damage to highways and pedestrian access because of usage, which with increased volumes increases the risk of accidents and damage. The general effect on local traffic, the added congestion at the Sovereign crossroads, Carr Hill Road and at the Star crossroads, which is already a serious problem. Often lorries do not use existing A roads but take the shortest route possible be that B roads or smaller this is already an issue and in part contributed to the council altering the usage of Carr Hill Lane. This will only get worse and cause a grave danger to local pedestrians and also school children walking on Carr Hill road towards the local school especially as much of the road has no footpath. The existing entrance to the Council tip off A635 is barely wide enough for two cars to pass. When 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.