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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We want to strongly object to the proposed planning application for a quarry at Bromley Farm which has been submitted by Silkstone Environmental Ltd.

This will be hugely damaging to the local green belt, conservation and infrastructure of the area. It would be totally out of keeping with the landscape and kill off plant and wildlife that has nurtured on this land. It will bring no positive benefits to the community only the opposite. Dirt/dust, noise, pollution, disruption and thundering diesel guzzling HGV wagons, to highlight just a few of the desolation it will bring.

Silkstone Environmental Ltd have commissioned the risk reports which will be in the company's favour. What happens if these figures do not reflect in reality. Will the council respond on who will be responsible for:

• Dust and noise pollution? Who will monitor this and what consequence are in place if they exceed regulations?
• What is the implication from dust pollution on the community's health, is there a possibility that this will acerbate asthma/respiratory problems. Who is responsible for monitoring this. Noise pollution can effect peoples mental health wellbeing.
• If there is a gas explosions! The possible consequences to the community/infrastructure
• 07:00 to 19:00 are totally unacceptable hours for the resident to endure. What is in place if these hours are violated and increased on a regular basis. Who will be monitor this?
• What are the implications from the 100s HGV diesel wagons, thundering through the village on a daily basis. Who is responsible for monitor the effects these will this have on health and infrastructure? The roads in the are already full of potholes and badly maintained!

Upper Cumberworth already has to contend with the mass volume of traffic that the recycling plant brings. Residents have campaigned for many years for the 40 mph speed limit to be reduced to 3 mph on Barnsley Road and to have a speed cameras

speed limit to be reduced to 3 mph on Barnsley Road and to have a speed cameras put up, but these have been refused by the council!

Most of the vehicles drive well over the 40 mph speed limit. There seems to be no monitoring of the traffic in the area and no mobile speed cameras to pick up on this.

Cumberworth Lane is congested most of the time but especially in term time, the school has no parking facilities. Cars are parked on both side of the road which narrows it so that 2 way traffic can no longer pass through. This is causing dangerous traffic jams at peak times especially towards the busy main road and for cars turning from the main road onto Cumberworth Lane.

It is unthinkable that thundering HGV wagons could be using Cumberworth Lane. Once you get to the corner by the church there is no way 2 cars can pass each other let alone 2x HGV wagons. The pavement is very narrow and can feel dangerous for pedestrians walking between Upper & Lower Cumberworth, the pavement is not wide enough in places for a pram.

Councils are responsible for making areas around schools safe, some have put “Clean Air Zones” around them. Having this business so close to the school is going to increase pollution levels.

Please do not give Silkstone Environmental Ltd a licence to destruct, decimate and pollute our land. This company have no positive benefits to offer the community, it’s all just for their own profit. This business has no place in the climate change battle.

Please refuse this planning application for all the above reasons. Kirklees Council follow your values and start now if you are really serious about your aim for ‘Net Zero by 2038.’