

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 am writing in strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Quarry site by Wavin on Barnsley Road.

I live on Haddingley Lane at the '5 Lane ends' junction above Upper & Lower Cumberworth. There is already a blocked culvert under the highway outside my neighbours property (currently under review/investigation by Kirklees) which is causing and has caused their house to flood for a number of years, this culvert collapsed due to the already excessive HGV traffic flow which travels across the junction to the Plevin/Wavin/Carr Hill sites amongst others.

The construction of this culvert/junction 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 passing just a few inches away from the front of our properties with all the noise and pollution that comes with it. These country lanes were never intended to withstand use by HGV's, such vehicles should be forced to use A road routes, and weight limits imposed and enforced on local country lanes.

There have already been a number of serious traffic collisions at the Sovereign junction which needs a design change and traffic lights installing to make it safe to use for all road users, this would also help to enforce use of A road routes by the current flow of HGV's let alone the proposed increased volumes.

In addition I have major concerns for the safety of not only other vehicles using '5 Lane ends' junction, but of the numerous cyclists, pedestrians and horses which pass by regularly, the 5 lanes that meet there being part of popular cycle routes and walkways surrounded by countryside used predominantly for agriculture and leisure pursuits.

Local environment conservation work undertaken by the Cumberworth community group is also at threat by this proposal, a lot of time and effort has been invested by them into making our local habitats safe and sustainable for numerous species of animals, birds and insects, this expansion proposal is just another example of an attack on our wildlife and the semi-rural landscape in which we live.

This expansion plan has no benefit to Kirklees residents 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.

The decision makers need to think long and hard about what this development would mean to the health and welfare of residents in the surrounding areas, let alone the cost to the local environment, 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.

Do the right thing and refuse the application!