

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 strongly object to the planning application for proposed quarrying activities at Bromley farm quarry for the following reasons.

It will be detrimental to the locality and to the conservation area of Upper and Lower Cumberworth and the Dearne Woodlands. The proposed development would have a major impact on the natural environment. The most immediate impact is on the agricultural use to this site which has only this year been re-designated from cereal crop to wild flower meadow under a Government incentive to promote new sustainable farming. The effect on wildlife has already been profound with lap wings and red kites nesting in this area of land, and the very trees described as not important in the application. There has been a huge increase in butterflies, bees and other pollinators. The visual effect has been stunning, creating a peaceful haven enjoyed by many local residents who walk the pathways of this area every day. The area is home to a large variety of birds and animals including deer, badgers, bats, owls, herons, woodpeckers. This has been a huge relief for residents who have endured years of noise, pollution and HGV traffic from the existing quarry including restoration work that was contracted to be completed by 2015 but over ran by at least 5 years and ending only recently. This development is unwanted and undesirable by all but the developer and is not in keeping with Kirklees strategic aim for a Net Zero and Climate Ready Kirklees by 2038. Approving a development for open cast mining for clay, shale and associated coal that adds considerably to air pollution is not compatible with that stated aim.

The increased number of HGV vehicles entering and leaving the site approximately every six minutes from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 7.30 to 1pm Saturdays will increase congestion on the very busy Barnsley road which already has regular queuing to the Bromley Farm recycling centre. Small roads such as Carr Hill Lane with little or no pavements are already used by HGV's to avoid congestion at Sovereign Crossroads. This dangerous practice will certainly escalate if this development is approved.

Safety concerns for the children who attend Cumberworth Lane First school will also increase when travelling to and from school, crossing Barnsley Road, not only from the immediate danger of heavy traffic but also from an increase in diesel fumes pollution.

The Government's National Planning Policy Framework states that planning decisions need to 'enable and support healthy lifestyles' This application is not compatible with that aim.

There is no benefit to the growth and development of Kirklees or its residents of any kind contained in this proposal. There will be no positive outcomes economically or environmentally for our community. It will have a detrimental effect on the area for well over the proposed 25 years.

For the reasons above I urge the council to refuse this application