

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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I wish to raise an objection to the above application on the following grounds: There is no consideration of the routes the HGVs will take to and from the site in Upper Cumberworth, Kirklees to the site in South Yorkshire. The local road infrastructure is not capable of dealing with the volume of HGV traffic the proposed quarry would bring. This includes the entrance to the site via the existing road to the Household waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) onto the A635 where two cars struggle to pass at present – how are cars and large HGVs expected to pass (and in turn two large HGVs going to/from the quarry site and/or to the HWRC)? In addition, there are two possible routes to then get to Crows Edge, one being the notorious Sovereign Crossroads where the A635 meets the A629, which is a local accident hot spot with long queues in mornings and evenings. HGVs currently struggle to turn left at this junction, so use Carr Hill Road as an alternative route when heading towards Crows Edge via Lane Head (again where there is a difficult/blind junction where four roads meet, or alternatively up the A629 towards Birds Edge. As a resident of Carr Hill Road, with young children, I am particularly concerned with the latter option. Carr Hill Road is frequently used by vulnerable road users, including cyclists, motorbikes, walkers (many of whom have dogs), horse riders and children walking to and from school, some with parents and grandparents etc and some on their own. Much of the road is without pavements so nothing segregates vulnerable road users away from traffic. Every day on UK roads 5 people are killed and more than 80 people suffer serious injuries. One in 10 is a child. No death or serious injury on roads is acceptable – nor would it be acceptable to consent to these plans knowing they would add to the threat of death or serious injury to road users in the local community. On 21 March this year, a public meeting was held in Cumberworth to discuss road safety issues within the village. This meeting was attended by Counsellors, a Kirklees Council Community Safety Officer and local police, all of whom spoke in support of the issues being raised by the local community about the dangers presented on our roads on a daily basis. It would be wholly unacceptable and incompetent for the Council to	

on a daily basis. It would be wholly unacceptable and incompetent for the Council to pass this application in light of those discussions and the additional risks to life and injury these plans present. The Council need to seriously ask themselves what's more important – these dangerous and damaging plans or the lives of local residents.

We should all be able to move around our local community using active travel such as walking or cycling, without fear of harm. Our roads are dangerous enough without the additional HGV traffic approving these plans will enable. At present there is a weight limit for access from A629 onto Carr Hill Road other than for access, but this is not regularly adhered to by HGV vehicles. If the council defy logic and grant approval for these plans, a condition should be placed for all such HGVs to avoid this route entirely.

The locality to the local school, Cumberworth First School has not been considered. Although the access road is not close to the school the quarry itself is and the main road used by the HGVs is a busy school junction. Children should not be subject to poorer air quality because of the quarry itself and increase in HGV traffic for the next 25 years, which will need to pass through the centre of Upper Cumberworth.

In addition, the number of HGVs on the application is not clear. What is clear is that there will be a large increase in the number of HGVs driving between the quarry in Kirklees to Crows Edge over 5.5 days. This is not in line with Kirklees Councils' vision to be net zero and climate ready by 2038.

The anti-social hours the HGVs would be operating is also not acceptable (7am on weekdays and 7.30am on Saturdays) in a quiet and small village location. The local residents on Cumberworth Lane, Hollybank Avenue and Dearnefield will be particularly impacted by this and those on the route the HGVs will take to/from the site to the site in South Yorkshire.

The proposal will also have a negative and damaging impact on the natural environment, with a detrimental impact on animal, insect and plant habitats on and near to the site.