

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 wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry for the following reasons: The current entrance to the household recycling site off the A635 already gets very congested with domestic household vehicles visiting the tip. The added impact of the number of HGV's expected from the quarrying operation will only add to this burden. The proposed site is in a rural location and surrounded by quiet villages. Residents enjoy living in these areas because of the peaceful and natural environment. Allowing quarrying to take place will completely change the characteristic of this area, with increased HGV traffic and potential noise and dust from the quarrying site. The road network between Bromley Farm and Crow Edge is generally narrow, winding, country roads, often used by pedestrians, horse riders, and cyclists. Increased HGV quarry traffic on this type of road is unsafe for these users. It also detracts from the characteristic of the area which is rural countryside where HGV traffic is not expected. Before adding any further traffic to these roads first we must look at making the roads safer for more vulnerable users, pedestrians, cyclist (pedal and motor) as well as horse riders. Allowing quarrying to take place will have no benefit for local residents. Allowing quarrying to take place will not provide significant jobs for local people, especially as the postcode address for Wavin is not in the Kirklees area. The anticipated 120 HGV vehicles per day, 5.5 days per week, will have a huge detrimental effect on the rural communities in the area. These are small villages, with small country lanes.	

The primary school in Upper Cumberworth is close to the proposed quarry, and the noise / pollution from the quarrying operations and additional HGV traffic will be detrimental to young children.

Whilst the application cites a precedence for quarrying on the site, this was nearly 10 years ago. Much has changed in those 10 years, including more awareness of the natural environment, the UK government's 2050 net zero target, and our understanding of noise and dust pollution.

Allowing quarrying on the site will have a detrimental effect on the mental health of local residents in all the surrounding villages. This is especially true for Upper Cumberworth residents who will have to deal with both the impact of the quarrying operation and the huge increase in HGV traffic for 5.5 days of the week.

The increase in HGV traffic will have a negative impact on carbon emissions and climate change.

HGV's travelling to and from the Bromley Farm site will have to go via the Sovereign junction (A629/A635) which is already heavily congested and known as an accident blackspot. Without any junction improvements, this increase in traffic is only likely to make the situation worse.

If HGV's decide to use routes to avoid queuing at the Sovereign junction, they're likely to use Carr Hill Lane. This is a residential road with no pavement, used by families with prams, walkers, horse riders, and cyclists. It's not suitable for HGV traffic.

There is no benefit to the local area for an operation which will create 25 years of disruption, increased HGV traffic, noise, dust, and pollution. In fact, allowing quarrying to take place would have a very detrimental effect for local residents and communities, and the natural environment.