

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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The locality of Lower/Upper Cumberworth is not deserving of a large scale mining project of this type to the very near proximity of residential housing, small businesses, farms, a cricket club, (used extensively by all ages of the community) and local primary school.

Pollution (and noise pollution) would be a factor, from dust affecting health and property, and for some this will affect mental health as well as physical health.

The roads are already congested by passing traffic, and the slightly staggered junction at the Star pub with Barnsley Road is treacherous both at peak and off peak times, visibility is limited when pulling out from Carr Hill Road. Further large and (predicted) numerous HGVs will impact the safety of driving, and more importantly walking along Carr Hill Road at any point because there is NO pavement for the majority of the road. Many (including myself and family), walk along this road regularly, as do dog walkers, cyclists, school children, people with prams, which usually at certain points means stepping onto the (in parts overgrown) verge to avoid cars etc. Add to it large HGVs passing closely by (we already have several quarry HGVs using this road), this again is a further significant safety hazard for pedestrians, as well as to residents pulling out from their driveways. This is realistically just a residential road but has increasingly become a cut through to the A629 Penistone Road to avoid the busy Sovereign junction.

I appreciate the need for businesses to continue and resources to be utilised, but this locality already has several quarries in the very near locality. Whilst the mining will have a detrimental impact to the natural environment, the traffic issue will have far more impact and needs to have serious consideration, including a risk assessment to counteract the possibility of accidents and threat to life, especially on Carr Hill Road. Mud on the road is a severe hazard, and Cumberworth is not known for its good weather. I experienced this by being involved in a car accident with my children on Lane Head road years ago from large muddy plant using the road, by "sliding" slowly on slurry into the rear of a stationary car waiting to turn.

Restoration of the site is commendable but this will only be after it has probably been filled extensively with landfill, 25 years is a long time to wait for a return for the natural habitat the locality will lose.

I appeal to those deciding on this application to consider the small voices of the people who call this village their home, that we are raising genuine concerns and hopefully come to the conclusion that, as needed as this industry may be, it is too close to a small community that is just not able sustain the environment the proposal needs.

Thankyou.