

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 who walk to school, the lack of pavement for the majority of this route already makes it a walk fraught with danger and risk for vulnerable road users. The additional HGVs would put the lives of local residents at risk and have a damaging impact on the health of young children wanting to walk to school but their parents not considering it safe to do so due to the large HGV vehicles using the road and lack of pavement. 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, who openly acknowledge that they do not adhere to the weight limit. If the council grant approval a condition should be placed for all such HGVs to not use this route and to perhaps consider a route down through New Mill where the road infrastructure is better (i.e. there is a pavement for vulnerable road users). To grant approval without a route between the sites in place is not in the best interests of the local community. - No consideration in the application has been made regarding the public footpath that crosses the road at the point where the new road will join the existing road to the HWRC.	

- 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.
- Fly tipping is already an issue in the area, my concern would be that members of the public may be put off using the HWRC due to issues accessing the site/meeting large HGVs. The maintenance of this road, particularly in wet conditions also needs to be considered.
- 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.
- The application does not consider the impact on the local community which is not acceptable. A meeting with the local community was surely a necessity before this application was submitted. Nor will the application be of economic or social benefit to the local community.