

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 object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry for the following reasons:

This type of development in a residential area is unwanted and undesirable for all but the developer. Kirklees has the following stated strategic aim 'Our vision is for a Net Zero and Climate Ready Kirklees by 2038.' (Kirklees.gov.uk - Our Targets). Approving a development for open cast mining for shale, clay and associated coal that adds considerably to diesel emissions on the roads and promotes open cast coal and shale mining cannot be compatible with that stated aim.

The restorations plans are woefully inadequate.

It will be detrimental to the locality and to the conservation area of Upper Cumberworth and Upper Dearne Woodlands for the following reasons: The proposed development would have a major impact on the natural environment. The most immediate impact is on the agricultural land use which would destroy animal, insect and plant habitats. Less than half a mile away are the Upper Dearne Woodlands, a conservation area home for a variety of wildlife including bats, badgers, deer, woodpeckers, owls and a variety of other animal and birds. This natural environment will be greatly affected by such a development right on its doorstep. The increased number of HGV vehicles and associated movements accessing the proposed mining site will add considerably to local traffic, creating excessive traffic, noise and pollution associated with heavy goods vehicles. The plans suggest that there would be a HGV entering or leaving the site every six minutes. The exact numbers though are very unclear and must cast doubt on whether Wavin are able to clarify EXACTLY the vehicle numbers involved. I also note the hours of work. 7.00am to 6pm on Monday to Fridays and 7.30am to 1pm on Saturdays. These hours are too long with noise pollution a great concern. The issues of traffic in upper Cumberworth and Lower Cumberworth have been picked up on numerous occasions with local ward councillors and senior officers. The roads are not made for large waggon traffic, and these often block the roads to other vehicles, there has also been damage to highways and pedestrian access because of usage, which with increased volumes increases the risk of accidents and damage

Bromley farm quarry noise assessment, Silkstone environmental plan Jan 23. These assessments are based on substandard unrepresentative baseline data, taken over a one hour period on a Thursday in April 2022 at an undisclosed time, noise pollution against such a narrow baseline is very likely to underestimate the true noise impact over the proposed working days. Increased noise over working periods and timeframe is significant and detrimental to the mental well being of the residents in Cumberworth especially the elderly.