

For the attention of the PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the above Planning Application on the following grounds:

4.1.2 Transport Policy

4.1.3 'It recommends ... should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be unacceptable impact on highway safety or residual impact on the road network would be severe'.

I submit that with the proposed 120 heavy vehicles daily, the impact would indeed be severe on the residents of Carr Hill Road. This road is often congested during peak times. These dirty, thundering vehicles would certainly impact on quality of life here and it is an unfair imposition, particularly in view of the extended period of time over which the activity will take place.

Safety: i did not manage to find a designated route for the lorries going to Bromley Farm then returning with their loads to Hazlehead. The most likely route they will take is along Carr Hill Road. I note that no vehicle over 3 tons is allowed down the road, but there is no such sign at the other end by The Star and the vehicles will be even heavier when loaded to return. There are already many accidents at the junction with the A629 and so the numbers will be likely to increase. At The Star junction, articulated lorries struggle to turn left when coming from Denby Dale and they need the full width of the road to do so. This means that cars approaching the junction with the A635 from Carr Hill Road sometimes have to reverse to allow lorries to complete the turn. In my view this is a dangerous manoeuvre.

Carr Hill Road is often busy with pedestrians and runners, but a pavement is absent for much of it so it is already a hazard. Horse riders and horses will have to contend with increased traffic and many cyclists using the road will have to share it with more huge vehicles, increasing their risk. Surely those taking exercise should be encouraged instead of having more obstacles to contend with?

Pollution: There would also be a deterioration in air quality from vehicle and tyre emissions, plus the levels of dirt that the vehicles create. This at a time when we are all being encouraged to buy clean electric vehicles to help save the planet.

There are mothers taking children to the nearby school and older children who make their own way but all will be subjected to the increased environmental issues.

Increased noise levels will make the area unpleasant for residents. From the occasional very noisy vehicle this will become a regular occurrence every day

Increased dust levels coating parked cars, house windows and other surfaces. In hot weather, residents will have to think twice about leaving windows open so adding to the detriment.

Health. The extra pollution is likely to cause or increase asthma and COPD cases. In addition new homes in Denby Dale mean many more families in the area. Can the health service cope with extra demand? I doubt it.

Bromley Farm. The quarrying will disturb wildlife habitats. Why should the needs of a company override the needs of creatures that have made their homes in the area? What will happen to them? Has any thought been given to them? It appears not to be the case. There is a local conservation area in Cumberworth which also deserves respect.

I implore you to consider this application carefully in the light of the above comments. There are wider issues to consider than the needs of one company. Its operations will be deleterious both locally, as shown above, and to the planet which we are striving to improve. The company, Wavin, completely contradicts present day pollution standards and lacks any consideration for residents. On this basis, its Planning Application should not be granted.

Yours faithfully

