

Address: 17 Bluehills Lane Huddersfield hd88rq

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: Ref: 2023/91280 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 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 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. In wet but here dry conditions dirt and slurry would be carried into Barnsley Road	

in any but bone dry conditions dirt and slurry would be carried into Barnsley Road creating a skid hazard. In dry weather Clay dust would probably blow into Cumberworth Lane affecting the farm and the approaches to both Upper and Lower Cumberworth Villages.

There are also suggestions of other hazards : Landfill Gas potential as suggested in the report of Enviro AG which may lead to explosions Mine Gas potential as suggested by the Coal Authority report which may lead to explosions and toxic gas release.

Noise Pollution both in the quarry and on local roads. The previous quarry workings were extremely noisy with most noise caused by HGVs being loaded/unloaded and being driven on uneven road surfaces when empty. At least half of the traffic will fall into that category. Reversing warning sirens were a constant disturbance as was the noise associated with rock crushing. The proposed hours of working are excessively early and late in the day when noise pollution is more evident and disturbing.

Dust pollution, clay and shale are known to be very dusty. Regardless of any safeguards Wavin may suggest dust will undoubtedly increase. 120 movements of additional Heavy Goods Vehicles entering and leaving the site from/to the A639 Barnsley Road every six minutes. Contrary to the view in the 'Consultation' supporting the application, that there will be little impact to traffic flow, there is bound to be substantial impact on this busy road particularly with very large heavily laden articulated vehicles (as described in the application) pulling out slowly to turn right up the hill. This is bound to cause delays and tailbacks and is potentially dangerous at certain times in the day.

120 HGV waggon movements per day would be detrimental to the air quality of the area, particularly important when you consider the proximity of the local school (Cumberworth First School) to the proposed site which sits within the conservation area. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework states that planning decisions need to 'enable and support healthy lifestyles.' Having increased traffic, combined with a 'dirty' industry being reintroduced to the area does not support this aim. The pollution from the large number of HGVs coupled with the dust generated by the extraction works is potentially harmful to the pupils (and other residents) at a time when the focus should be on improving air quality.

For the reasons stated above we believe that the Council should refuse this application as there isn't enough benefit to the area for what will be 25 years of disruption, noise, dust and pollution.

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