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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: As a resident already living on the route of current quarry vehicles I strongly object to this proposal. 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. The issues of traffic in Upper Cumberworth and Lower Cumberworth have been picked up on numerous occasions with local ward councillors and senior officers. There will be a significant impact on local traffic with added congestion at the Sovereign crossroads and Carr Hill Road both of which already have serious problems with almost daily accidents. The roads are not made for large waggon traffic. Often lorries do not take existing A roads but prefer to take short cuts as in using Carr Hill Road in order to avoid the(A635/A629) Sovereign Junction which is an accident hotspot. Carr Hill Road for most part has no pavement and is a quiet residential road used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders there have been many incidents on this road with impatient drivers racing and driving too close to pedestrians. As a resident living on the country roads between Bromley Farm and Crow Edge, these are not suitable roads for HGVs with the current quantities of heavy trucks already proving problematic and dangerous, especially for walkers, horse riders and cyclists. The proposed development would have a major impact on the natural environment. 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. Particularly when nationally and locally we have a much sharper focus on environmental matters. 120 movements of additional Heavy Goods Vehicles entering and leaving the site from/to the A635 Barnsley Road every six minutes. Contrary to the view in the	

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. There will be a significant impact on local traffic with added congestion at the Sovereign crossroads and Carr Hill Road both of which already have serious problems with almost daily accidents. 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.