

Address: 85 Carr Hill Road Huddersfield HD8 8XN

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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

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I wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry for the following reasons:- Detrimental impact on the natural environment: The change from current agricultural land use will destroy animal, insect and plant habitats. The development sits just outside of a conservation area and will create pollution over the very area that is supposed to be protected. Increased Traffic Impact: Contrary to the view in the supporting documentation that there will be little impact to traffic flow, there is bound to be substantial impact on the surrounding roads. The existing entrance to the Council tip off the A635 is barely wide enough for two cars to pass. HGVs using the site at the rate of one every 6 minutes, plus cars visiting the tip will inevitably lead to traffic congestion as well as noise. This could become a particular problem when the tip is busy on a Saturday morning. Why is the spur road leading to the quarry to be the width of 2 HGV's with no proposed alteration to the existing tip road? Waggons every 6 minutes up and down Barnsley Road are bound to form queues. Large articulated vehicles turning into the tip access road & heavily laden vehicles pulling out slowly to turn right onto the A635 towards Crow Edge are bound to cause delays and potentially dangerous tailbacks at certain times of day. Whichever route the HGVs use to & from the quarry will create traffic issues. If the Sovereign crossroads is used without any junction improvements this will add to congestion which is already a problem at peak times. This junction is already an accident hotspot. If Carr Hill Road is used this would mean that traffic going to and from the quarry would have to cross the busy A629 in both directions - another noted accident black spot as vision is poor here. Carr Hill Road is a link road without a pavement for the most part, used by lots of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists	

pavement for the most part, used by lots of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists, where speeding and driving too close to pedestrians is a known problem for residents (prompting numerous police discussion meetings). The increased potential of accidents involving cars, cyclists, horse riders & children with these heavy vehicles is very concerning. There is a 3.5 Ton limit coming down the road which is constantly violated. A 3.5 Ton limit should be imposed & enforced in both directions which would prevent quarry HGVs using Carr Hill Road altogether. Carr Hill Road is already used as a 'rat run' by both cars and a HGVs looking to avoid the Sovereign crossroads junction. This is a residential road & this proposal will make living on Carr Hill Road extremely unpleasant and dangerous.

From either of the above routes, the HGVs will continue to travel along narrow, winding country roads to Crows Edge, again a route frequented by horses, cyclists and also farm vehicles.

What has been done to assess the suitability of all local roads to be used by quarry traffic as to whether they can handle the weight and frequency of all vehicles to be used during the duration of the proposed scheme? What is the proposal for removing the burden of any related road maintenance issues from the Kirklees tax payer?

The application states that a public footpath runs alongside the site. In fact it crosses the road at the point where the new road joins the existing road to the recycling centre creating a cross road on a sharp, right angled bend on a relatively blind summit. A mix of waggons in two directions, private cars entering and exiting the recycling centre both having to cross each other's path, plus walkers, many of them children, all at a blind point on the junction would appear to be a recipe for disaster.

The contents of the HGVs are highly likely to spill onto the roads or be dragged out on the wheels, negatively affecting road conditions with sludge and dirt.

Pollution:

- Dust: Clay and shale are known to be very dusty. Dust will undoubtedly increase regardless of any safeguards Wavin may suggest.
- Emissions: The harmful impact of 120 diesel HGVs daily pumping emissions into an area populated by children, the elderly, and families has not been addressed.
- Noise - from the quarry itself and on local roads: The proposed hours of work are very long giving increased concern to the related noise pollution. The noise will also travel much further early in the mornings & on Saturdays when there is less background noise in general. The A635 is already incredibly noisy for residents living close by and adding this number of additional HGVs will hugely increase both the noise and air pollution they are exposed to. On the alternative route, the effect on the quality of life for Carr Hill Road residents and users, with 120 HGVs, 5.5 days a week, is significant and highly detrimental.

The negative effects of noise, pollution & increased HGV traffic should be considered with regards to the local primary school which is very close to the proposed quarry & which sits within the Cumberworth Conservation Area.

Given all the points noted above I believe the Council should decline this application which will negatively impact the quality of life for all residents of Upper Cumberworth. There is no benefit for the community to live alongside the dirt, noise, pollution, disturbance & environmental devastation the site is due to cause for the next 25 years. The development will safeguard no jobs in Kirklees. Wavin Hazlehead has a South Yorks not a Kirklees postcode. 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 that adds considerably to diesel HGV traffic on the roads and promotes open cast coal and shale mining offers a direct contradiction with that stated aim which would span that date, running until almost 2050. This development proposal creates no economic, environmental, ecological, health or lifestyle benefit to local residents. All aspects are detrimental.