

Objection to additional papers submitted in respect of Planning application 2023/91280

I wish to strongly object and comment in respect of the additional paperwork completed by the applicants in the above application for quarrying at Bromley farm .

I would remind the LPA that because a site is designated in the Local plan does not guarantee development , there must be appropriate site assessment and due diligence and consideration of the interconnectivity of cumulative impact .

With the exception of the noise assessment which clarifies HGV movements , the additional papers DO NOT answer the questions raised by officers and or members of the public during the applications first submission for comments and despite the changes it concludes with an unchanged assessment .

A review of the noise assessment by independent officers is requested .

I am aware that a comprehensive response has been submitted by residents , which I won't repeat here .

However the failure and apparent disregard for responding to genuine questions asked should be a clear cause for concern .

As this stands if the development proceeds without appropriate rigour and diligence being applied , the LPA will be in breach of duties and policies set out in The Kirklees Local plan .

Namely

LP21 – relating to Highway safety and access /egress from the proposed site . The transport report fails to consider the traffic on the A635 , doesn't consider traffic using the refuse site, or the fact that the access road which at 5.5 metres will not allow two HGVs to pass safely. There are no definitions of moderate traffic flow , or an assessment of impact of this development , no assessment of the impact of other developments on visibility .

LP36 – Relating to Highway safety more generally , as well as all of the above there is no consideration to the presence of cars parked opposite the refuse site entrance , a regular feature as walkers access the Dearne Valley Woods. The evidence presented is biased , unrecognisable to residents and the photographs do not paint an accurate picture . The impact is beyond the immediacy of the site it extends to the whole route , and includes some traffic hot spots . To not include a route assessment to enable effective assurance of road safety is negligent.

LP 51 and LP52 – there is no evidence presented by either the developer of Kirklees of cumulative impact of this development . Alongside housing development , which we all agree is needed in Kirklees , this immediate area has a number of quarries . While I accept quarrying has to take place where the mineral is found , the impact of successive development for local residents must be a consideration for the LPA . I have seen no cumulative impact data that allows for satisfactory assurance to be given .

We are steadily eroding the green belt to the point that the amenity is lost causing unacceptable detriment to the landscape .

I urge you to as a minimum pause this application and seek further information , but to also consider its rejection on the grounds that to endorse it would seriously prejudice compliance with your own policy framework