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About the application

Application number: 2023/62/91280/e0	
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 write further to my original objection published online in August. Since that date, Wavin has uploaded several additional documents with updated information, however none of these address the number of issues raised by residents including confirming the route to be taken by vehicles transporting the material, thus failing to allay the concerns of those living on, or walking, cycling or riding horses down Carr Hill Road. Further, Wavin has had ample opportunity to engage in open dialogue with the community. This would have been an opportunity for them to explain the application, discuss exactly what they intend to do, for how long and how they intend to mitigate the impact to residents, as well as making clear any benefits to the community. They could have attended one of the many meetings held in Upper Cumberworth, sent out correspondence to the residents, gone door to door, used social media or even addressed the concerns indirectly via the planning portal. They have done none of this. Wavin have shown a total disregard for the very valid concerns and opinions of the people this quarry will affect. The application itself was submitted with seemingly no one in either Upper or Lower Cumberworth being notified despite the impact on virtually all the residents of both villages. There seem to be numerous discrepancies on the application which have not yet been rectified; The application itself is for an extension for an existing quarry. I feel this is misleading because there is no active quarry at the site and hasn't been for a number of years. If anything, this application is a proposal to open a new quarry at a site that was quarried historically. Secondly, as visible on the planning portal, when backfilling the old quarry, Wavin repeatedly asked for extensions and blamed this on the council imposing limits on how much they could transport. If this new application is granted for 25 years as requested, what is to stop Wavin simply delaying the restoration over and over again to suit their	

what is to stop Wavin simply delaying the restoration over and over again to suit their own purposes? They have already done it once, so, should this application be approved, I would like to see the council holding Wavin accountable for the restoration and deny them any opportunity to continue working the site / delay the restoration of the site in future.

The updated noise document includes maps which show noise assessment and decibel level over the area. However, several of these maps (including maps 10 and 12) fail to show the full extent of how far the noise will travel, and cut off still in the 35-40dB region, even though the 30-35dB area will extend considerably beyond the edge of the map, meaning more residents will be affected than is shown. With regard to the transportation and additional road noise, a considerable amount of research has been done around how road surfaces can reduce the noise of vehicles. I would heavily implore the council (and Highways England) to consider factoring this into their decision and investigating whether (if approved) some of the noise can be mitigated by resurfacing the roads Wavin intend to take with a low-noise road surface and ensuring that potholes, manholes and other dips in the road are brought up to road level to reduce banging noises.

Other areas the the application fails to confirm the exact details are around the working months “usually April - September” and the exact number of vehicles entering and leaving the site, which means the community still has many unanswered questions about the application.

I still hope that the council will reject the application altogether, but I would politely ask that if it is allowed to proceed, that road surfaces are considered, along with stringent controls for Wavin, ensuring they uphold their end of the agreement to restore the site correctly and on time. I note that many of the objections the council has received are anonymous and, therefore, will not be considered, but the sheer number demonstrates how unhappy many of the villagers are about the application.