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Objection to planning application 2023/91280

This business will be extremely damaging to the community, bringing pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, noise pollution, toxic vehicle emissions as well as destroying the green belt landscape and the wildlife that goes with it.

The community is very concerned that there has been no consultation with residents in advance of this application. Kirklees did nothing to inform the community that an environmentally toxic business was applying to operate in the village and there are still residents that are unaware of the application.

The supporting documents supplied by Waven do not contain anything positive for the community. This type of development in a residential area is unwanted and detrimental for the residents. 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 Climate agenda that Kirklees or the Country are aiming towards.

It is not acceptable to have such an excessive amount of highly polluting HGV wagons invading small rural villages, making 100s of trips, day in day out for 25 years!. The pollution from the coal/shale, revving engines as they thunder through the village from site to site, will have a massive impact on people's health and mental health wellbeing.

The existing entrance to the Council tip off A635 is hardly wide enough for two cars to pass. When HGVs at the rate of one every few minutes using the site as well as the cars visiting the tip could lead to creating hazardous conditions.

This business will also be operating within a short distance from the local infant school, where the crossroads by the Star pub from both Carr Hill Road and Cumberworth Lane is increasingly congested leading to potential risks pulling out onto Barnsley Road as the speed limit of 40mph is far too fast. Having so many HGV wagons travelling up and down the road is going to increase these risks.

Wavin UK Ltd has nothing good to offer the community or Kirklees, so there is no good reason to approve their application.

Because of all the reasons above and the other 200+ objections this planning application should be REFUSED.