

Consultation Response from KC Landscape	
Application No:	2023/91280
Proposed Development:	Extension to previous Bromley Farm Quarry for extraction of clay, shale and incidental coal
Location:	Bromley Farm Quarry, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8PD
Applicant/Agent:	Silkstone Environmental Ltd
Planning Officer	Farzana Tabasum
Date Responded:	17/07/23
Responding Officer:	AR
Responding Ref:	MM57

NOTES/COMMENTS: These comments are Without Prejudice

Landscape Context and Concept, Landscape Design

Plans and documents considered:

Access design plans 2074/101, 102 and 103,
Restoration Planting Scheme 22007/510,
Application Boundary & Land Ownership 22007/501,
Cut5 With Waste Import 22007/507a,
Cut4 with waste import,
Restoration and Aftercare Report Jan 23 (Rev A)
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (FULL) - Jan 2023
09/05/2023 - 22007 Bromley Farm Extension Phase 1 Desk Study

1. Setting – this layout for proposed open cast extraction site at Bromley Farm Quarry. Adjacent to the proposed site a previous extraction line has recently been restored back to farmland. The proposed 8.4 Hectare extension area consists of three fields in agricultural use which lie within a larger allocated mineral site, Ref MAS3 in the Kirklees Development Plan, Adopted 2019. Site is not within any landscape designations, not within conservation area, site does sit within green belt. Public right of way (PROW) ref: DEN/84/10 crosses the existing access road serving the household recycling centre and runs parallel, in part, to the proposed access to serve the new proposed quarry.
2. Landscape Visual Impact assessment – Overall the visual impact is assessing as moderate/minor. Any affect to the existing views is not prominent but will be visible from some receptors. The type of effect results in a moderate visual effect for a long-term period of 25yrs. There is context to the site, which has a history of mineral extraction and there is a proposed restoration plan for the site. Previous extraction site had recently been restored. Much of the existing mitigation is mitigation implemented for the previous extraction site. Whilst the extraction of mineral will largely be screened from the proposals by the existing screening remaining from previous quarry site and tree planting along Cumberworth Lane, the proposals

particularly the traffic associated with the quarrying operations will be visible from the adjacent PROW and occupiers of the properties south west of the proposed access. It is acknowledged, the case officer discussed this matter with the applicant during a recent site visit and applicant is willing to provide bunds/tree planting along this stretch to tie in with the existing bund and trees to the north west near Cumberworth Lane. This should be conditioned to be provided after top and sub soil stripping commences and before any mineral extraction takes place.

3. The restoration planting scheme is a sympathetic proposal and suitable for the setting. Boundary of the proposal comes up against identified habitat network it is not indicated as being removed and the proposed restoration plan will further enhance this existing habitat. Proposals include native species, light woodland tree planting, shrub planting, species rich grassland and replacement of the agricultural grassland. Aftercare report has included details on how the topsoil's will be stripped, managed and re-laid to avoid over compaction. The quantities of topsoil stripped will be measured and recorded. Depths will then be managed when reinstated ensuring even distribution. A five year maintenance plan has been included in the report and covers replacement of losses in the first three years, this is satisfactory.
4. When submitting detailed landscape proposals, preference is for species which are not potentially invasive and details from Natural England [can be found here](#). There's some further guidance on [NNSS on alternative species to use for landscapers here](#). Species selection is important and those which are potentially more invasive should be substituted for less potentially invasive species.
5. The woodland area adjacent the Site is designated as a Wildlife Habitat Network. Be aware that the protection and enhancement of this area is required by several policies within the Local Plan, including LP30, LP31 and LP33.

With regards our comments on the information provided in the application, these are without prejudice and are not to be read as approval on the principle of development

Advice to planning officer:

Landscape – It would be prudent to seek reassurance that the identified habitat network will be afforded suitable protection during the proposed 25year period of operations. This should be protected during works and evidence provided through the submission of standoff details required from the edge of this wildlife habitat network to the proposed cuts and overburden storage areas, prior to determination of the application.