

About the application

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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>This objection is for myself as an individual , I will be submitting a further objection on behalf of the Cumberworth Quarry Action Group . I have limited these comments to the superseded documents and note the closing date is the 20th December , one day less than that quoted in the planning officers correspondence . I would point out that as the HGV route map was not sent until the 7th December , this timescale is exceptionally short and you are expecting residents to comment without the full context . A FOIA request made on the 19th September is well out of time and residents have been denied access to information between the council and developer . I'd also add its holidays , again !</p> <p>The new papers do not answer the questions rated red in previous papers and which formed part of an earlier response from residents. They are of poor quality , contain inaccuracies and in part contradict each other, the mathematical calculations in a number of parts , notably transport , are incorrect and cannot be relied upon.. I shall give some examples of that .</p> <p>The air quality submission refers to Grantham , presumably cut and paste from another report , if the name is not right , what confidence can be had regarding the veracity of the contents . This is a particular concern and especially when the author made the same error in an earlier version .</p> <p>The transport statement now refers to Articulated HGVs . The road , including the access road is completely inadequate . If you agree to this application you will be in breach of the HSE - quarries Vehicles and Edge Protection reports, 2023 . This report states , "roads need to be wide enough to allow vehicles to pass with ease , for two way roads this should be 3.5x the width of the largest vehicle " . Using the transport statement data , a width of 8.92 meters is needed , the existing road width is 5.5 meters.</p> <p>The traffic assessments lack any baseline data and it is incorrect to compare the traffic in this proposal to regular basis movements , since tip movements are 'as and when' . In addition articulated HGVs are a very different beast to a fixed and rigid wheelbase HGV. The volume of articulated HGvS will impact significantly on existing road use , the kerb radius at this site is insufficient to allow turning safety. Posing a risk to other road users.</p> <p>The use of the Sovereign Crossroads , a notorious accident spot , remains un</p>	

The use of the Sovereign Crossroads , a notorious accident spot , remains unassessed, by any of the traffic reports submitted . The council is well aware of the challenges that exist where the A629 and A635 intersect , indeed you have been discussing reports on this section of the highway on a regular basis since 2005 . There have been multiple accidents as vehicles turning left transgress into the oncoming traffic.

We know that currently , vehicles are using Carr Hill Road , as an alternative to a left turn at the Sovereign , it is totally unsuitable with no pedestrian walkway and is a route used by walkers and horse riders , it is likely that this will continue to happen going forward. The issue of traffic , speeding and rural roads is a real concern , we have sent the planning officer video evidence of repeated violations and unsafe practice by these vehicles . The community has also met with the police , and yet you have failed to consult with them regarding the safety of the highway and the route proposed.

There is reference in the documentation to a recommendation for an ecological assessment . This has not as far as I'm aware been done . The site has protected species habitats , including active , and is home to birds of prey , deer and hare .

The remediation plans are inadequate for the scale of this operation , and this is a company who on past ventures has had to apply repeatedly for extensions of time . While I recognise that sometimes the remediation is hard , I have no confidence that any due diligence is applied at the outset , rather that dates are set as appeasement to satisfy the planning process . Accordingly there can be no confidence that deadlines will be met on this occasion , leaving local people with the impact for longer, this especially true when the data upon which calculations are made is unreliable . Lastly I wish to comment on the process here . Wavin is part of the Orbia group , they commit themselves to community dialogue and engagement and yet they are unprepared to meet with residents locally . The process has been designed to disenfranchise local people , setting dates for comments on holidays etc , is not in the spirit of planning law .