

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	
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I have many concerns regarding this development and the lack of information provided by Kirklees. I support the objections posted by the Cumberworth Quarry Action Group, but this is my personal response.

Considering I live within a quarter of a mile of this proposed development I heard nothing from Kirklees about it - Why was this? The impact will affect many people greatly and I feel information should have been provided to a wider area.

I have great concerns over inaccuracies in some of the application documents and especially with the ecologists report. To say 'there are small hedgerow trees which will be removed' disregards the importance of hedgerows to all manner of wildlife for food and shelter, and there are too few of them in this area already. As a member of the Kirklees Badger Protection Group I am aware of several active in the planned development area and others in close proximity to it. This wasn't included in the ecologist report - did he make a site visit? I would welcome a response to this question. I have seen badgers, foxes, birds of prey, deer, squirrels and many other species of birds in this area. To say the nearest large trees are 700 to 800 metres away is untrue. Some may be that distance away from the furthest point of the development, but having seen positions of the boundary stakes there are large trees less than 20 metres away.

I am concerned about the noise which will be generated for the rest of my life. The landfill site already has rights until 2043 I believe, and when they work near the railway line the noise and dust is very disturbing, so to have another development so close by is going to affect many people. The fact that the original Air Quality report was for Grantham demonstrates that the company will just use information on file, not actually carry out a study, and this is very worrying.

Having visited the land refill site this week I know how difficult access is to the site. Two cars can pass each other easily for much of the way, but when meeting a skip lorry it is very difficult, even unsafe. If two articulated lorries were to meet the access road would be totally unsuitable. From the information given on HGV movement there seems to be confusion over the mathematics of the number of movements, the amount/weight of materials moved and the number/length of working days. Could you clarify this for me please? Given the destination of the lorries the possible routes appear to be completely unsuitable. Assuming they use the main road through Upper Cumberworth to the Sovereign, then turn left, this is a very sharp uphill turn which entails crossing over into oncoming traffic for large vehicles, the increase in numbers would be an accident waiting to happen. If Carr Hill Road is used in either direction it would require a difficult turn by the Star public house and a very sharp bend. There are narrow parts to the road, and as I know from pushing my mother in a wheel chair there are no pavements on either side of the road for the most part, making it especially hazardous for people in wheel chairs or pushing prams. The possible roads are already very busy, especially at peak times, and with other planning in the area of houses and quarries they cannot take any more. Once out of the immediate area the roads are no better, with dangerous junctions, sharp bends and very narrow sections.

This proposal is not appropriate for the area, and taking into account all the issues I feel it should be denied. I would like my strong objections registered.