

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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As local residents, we wish to assert our strong objection to the proposed opening of a quarry at Bromley Farm, Upper Cumberworth.

First, we are very concerned indeed about the enormous increase in HGV traffic on our local roads that the quarry is bound to cause. The quarry will operate throughout the year from Monday to Friday between 0700 and 1800 hours and on Saturdays between 0730 hours and 1300 hours. On the applicant's own figures, HGVs will pass in and out of the site at a rate approaching six per hour. They will then have to drive laden to Crow Edge and later return empty to the site.

There are only two available routes away from and to the site. One is via Carr Hill Road at the turning by the Star Pub. Carr Hill Road is throughout all but its top section a residential road, with dwellings on both sides. Only in the short top section are there dwellings only on one side. Only the lower part of the road has pavements, and these are partial and intermittent. Yet the road is routinely used by pedestrians – for example, residents coming and going and parents walking their children to and from school. In the section of the road nearer to the Star Pub, there are three bends, two of them very sharp. On one of them the carriage-way runs only a couple of feet from the walls of cottages. The road is already heavily used by cars and agricultural vehicles as well as other HGVs, especially in the morning and evening. There is a weight restriction preventing large vehicles passing down the last section of the road to the Star Pub, though this is often ignored. Adding six HGVs an hour to the traffic in the road would be increase the risk of injury to other road-users and seriously degrade the environment.

The other route is via the A635 – the main road – up to the junction with the A629 at the Sovereign Pub. In Upper Cumberworth village itself, this is bordered by dwellings. Beyond the village towards the A629, dwellings are intermittent and then come to an end. Though this road does have a pavement all the way from the site right to the A629, in places it is very narrow, and walking along it while trucks, buses and other vehicles are passing at speed (up to 60 mph outside the village) is an intimidating experience. The junction of the A635 and the A629 at the Sovereign Pub is a notorious accident-spot.

We are also concerned about the air-pollution this large increase in traffic will cause. It is well recognized that particulate pollution, both from the exhausts and the tyres of vehicles of all types, is a cumulative and persistent hazard to health, particularly of the young and the elderly. Having additional HGVs passing through the area is bound to increase such pollution – and will do so for the entire twenty-five years of the scheme, impairing the health of a generation. This cannot be right.

The application should be turned down.