

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
I have a number of comments. 1. You sent, what amounts to a revised application, which landed on my computer at 14.27 on the 4th of February 2025. Your date for the end of consultation is 18th February 2025. The normal consultation period for small applications is 21 days and for large schemes, which impact on the community at large, much more time is normally allowed. So could you give any good reason for the cut off date being 14 days? The original application was not advertised properly as only two notices were posted in very obscure positions when the main area of impact was the whole of the village of Upper Cumberworth. 2. Under the heading of flood risk. How will surface water be disposed of? They answer by soakaway. This wont work on a clay site, which is the sole purpose for Wavin's presence. Clay is impervious to water. Canals are lined with it and Wavin make pipes with it so soakaways on a clay site wont work. The result of this on a wet site will be excessive clay attached to the vehicles which will be carried into Barnsley Road. 3. While I think that the outbound from the quarry route (loaded waggons) is more sensible than the Carr Hill Road route there is a problem between 33 Barnsley Road and the start of the Sovereign Business Park. The footpath there is in some places less than a foot wide because the grass verge has, over the years, expanded and covered the tarmac. In summer and the autumn the overhanging trees make walking on the limited tarmac available almost impossible. The lack of maintenance on this section of road makes it impassable for wheelchairs, walking frames, push chairs etc. I walk it regularly and have, seen runners, dog walkers and on one occasion a mother pushing a buggy, choosing to walk in the road because they can't use the footpath. As this path is on the return route the waggons will be empty and, if traveling at a legal speed could be moving at up to 60mph. Unless this section of footpath is widened to a full width pathway. by removing the grass verges completely, and joining the section from the Star crossroads to the section from the Sovereign Garage people are going to take their life in there hands by walking in the road. Made much more dangerous by the massive increase of empty LDVs traveling very quickly.	

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Some sections of this path floods making it almost impossible for even able bodied pedestrians to pass along it safely.

4. The times of use for the quarry 07:00 to 18:00 on weekdays and 07:30 to 13:00 on Saturday means both loaded and empty waggon will be competing for road space at all the peak times. There is bound to be tail backs and conflicts turning in and out at the quarry entrance and at the Sovereign junction. Also the speed limit through the village is 40mph, too high for the present traffic flow. Both full and empty waggons have to cross the junction by the Star pub. Children from the village school will have to cross Barnsley Road twice a day and sometimes four times, at this point. If this scheme were to go ahead and I sincerely hope it will be rejected, could there not be an embargo on waggon movements when children are arriving and leaving school in the morning, at the lunch period and in the afternoon. Say half an hour before each period. Morning start, lunch start, lunch finish and after the evening finish.

5. The plan [id 10785368] shows articulated trucks using the route. I can't imagine Wavin wanting to use this type of vehicle but the vehicle type and weight limit should be stated in the application if it is to be enforced.

6. With regard to the proposed routes, fully loaded via Barnsley Road to the Sovereign to New Mill and up to Crow Edge and empty cross country back to the Sovereign and then two way traffic down Barnsley Road to the quarry. Who is going to monitor that these routes are adhered to, and more importantly, what will the penalties be for Wavin if these routes are ignored; as I am sure they very quickly will be.