

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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My first concern is the short amount of time we have been granted in which to lodge an objection. This should be at least 21 day and in this case it is just 14 days.

My main concern is the volume of HGVs that will be travelling on Barnsley Road. The exact type of vehicle is unclear and the size of vehicle is very relevant to the impact they will have on road safety. I live just above the entrance to the Household Waste Recycling facility at Bromley Farm, the proposed entrance to the quarry, and see how busy this can be on any day of the week that the facility is open and especially on a Saturday morning when the proposed quarry will also be operating. There is often a large quantity of through traffic going up and down Barnsley Road during in the proposed operating hours of the quarry, often much faster than the 40mph limit. This road is also frequently used by cyclists and it could be hazardous to them and other road users if large, fully laden HGVs are having to pull onto the wrong side of the road to pass them going uphill. Then there are the pedestrians to consider. Many people walk down Barnsley road to access the woods on the opposite side of the road to the recycling centre. There is only a pavement on that side of the road, so Barnsley road must be crossed to access the woods. This can mean a long wait on the edge of the pavement before the road is clear in both directions. There is also a bus stop in both directions a few metres up the road from the proposed quarry entrance and again waiting buses and pedestrian attempting to cross the road will be impacted by the increase HGVs turning out of the entrance to travel up Barnsley Road towards Upper Cumberworth. Then there is the increased risk to pedestrians and motorists alike at the Star crossroads. This crossing is used by children on their way to and from School. The crossroads is also quite dangerous for motorists and cyclists due to the poor visibility at the bottom of Carr Hill Road. Then there is the Sovereign crossroads to consider. A known accident black spot that will only get worse with and increase of HGVs on the road. The same applies to the road junction in New Mill which is also a walking route for school children.

Apart from the danger of increase number of HGVs on already busy roads, there is the Environmental impact on residents of increase air and noise pollution and increase dirt which will be transfered on the wheels of vehicles, to the road making it slippery and dangerous.

Finally, there is the impact of the proposed quarry on the local wildlife that presently live at the site, some species of which are protected. There appears to be no recent assessment of this aspect or mention of how it will be protected.