

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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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposal for the Bromley Farm Quarry (Ref: 2023/91280).

After reviewing the Consultation Response from Kirklees Council (KC) dated September 12, 2024, and the subsequent response from Paragon Highways (PH) dated January 14, 2025, I have identified several inaccuracies and ambiguous statements that raise significant concerns.

Firstly, the consultation deadlines are unjustifiably short. While KC took over 18 weeks to respond to PH, the community is given only two weeks to respond to the report issued on February 4, 2025¹. This disparity is unreasonable and does not allow sufficient time for a thorough review and response.

Secondly, the statement regarding bus stops within 1km of the proposed site is misleading. There are two bus stops within 50m of the junction into the refuse tip. This discrepancy needs to be addressed to ensure accurate information is provided.

Furthermore, the traffic survey data used is outdated and inaccurate. A detailed survey conducted by the Cumberworth Community in February 2024 provides a more accurate representation of traffic conditions, indicating a significant increase in HGV movements. This data should be considered over the Department for Transport's 2019 data.

Additionally, Paragon has failed to provide timely information regarding the type of vehicles to be used for road haulage. This is a basic yet crucial detail that should have been addressed promptly. The lack of transparency and delay in providing this information is concerning.

The adequacy of the access road and the kerb radius also raises safety concerns. The recommendation of a 6m wide road is incorrect and does not meet the minimum acceptable width of 8.92 meters as stated by the Health & Safety Executive. Risk assessments should be conducted to ensure the safety of all road users.

Moreover, the proposed transport route does not consider statutory HGV laws and the potential use of unsuitable roads by HGVs. This oversight could lead to increased traffic and safety risks in the community.

In conclusion, the Consultation Response Report is inaccurate and ambiguous, with several questions still unanswered. The report fails to consider the safety of school children, pedestrians, and cyclists, and does not provide necessary risk assessments⁷. I urge KC to address these concerns and provide a more transparent and accurate assessment of the proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely