

About the application

Application number: 2023/91280	
What is the application for?:	The extraction of clay, shale and incidental coal and subsequent restoration by
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 wish to object to the proposed quarrying activities at Bromley Farm Quarry. I believe it would be detrimental to the locality, as follows: The proposed development would have a huge impact on the natural environment. Quarrying the land currently used as agricultural land would destroy many animal and insect habitats and feeding grounds. Less than half a mile away from the proposed development we enjoy a variety of wildlife passing through and over our gardens, including bats, badgers, deer, woodpeckers, owls, not to mention all the invertebrates and pollinators. The natural environment would be decimated by the development. The application document notes that the trees and hedges present at the proposed site are not important as part of the local landscape character, a point which I absolutely disagree with. Cumberworth/Denby Dale is a semi-rural area – the land is a mixture of agricultural and residential use, and the trees and hedges ARE a large part of the local character, as well as providing habitats for wildlife. Additionally, the appearance of the development, despite the proposed screening, would be out of keeping with the rest of the area. It would be an eyesore. In terms of noise, disturbance and pollution, the plans suggest that there would be a HGV leaving or entering the site every 6 minutes between 0700 and 1800hrs during the week, and 0730 to 1300hrs on Saturdays, with site traffic using the A635 road as access. 120 HGV movements per day would be detrimental to the air quality of the area, particularly important when you consider the proximity of the local school (Cumberworth First School) to the proposed site. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework states that planning decisions need to 'enable and support healthy lifestyles.' Having increased traffic, combined with a 'dirty' industry being reintroduced to the area does not support this aim. The pollution from the large number of HGVs coupled with the dust generated by the extraction works is potentially harmful to the pupils (and other residents) at a time when the focus on air quality is as often is the case	

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The actual extraction of the resources had a negative effect on neighbouring properties and residents' quality of life. Last time the quarry was worked, it created excessive noise from vehicles' engines, beeping from reversing vehicles, and excessive noise from products being excavated and tipped. It created airborne dust and dirt which dirtied our windows, marked our washing, damaged our garden plants and was obvious on our cars. It remains to be seen if our long term health has suffered in any way from exposure to the dust created.

The site does not create any significant number of new jobs for the area. The site will be manned by 3-4 personnel, plus the HGV and plant drivers who are probably already on the books of the proposer. There is no employment benefit for local people within the proposal.

With all this in mind, I believe that the Council should decline this application. There simply isn't a large enough benefit for the community to live alongside the dirt, noise, pollution and disturbance as well as the environmental devastation the site is due to cause for the next 25 years.