

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation & Design

2023/91280 Bromley Farm Quarry, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8PD

Extension to previous Bromley Farm Quarry for extraction of clay, shale and incidental coal

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The application site relates to the existing agricultural land located at Bromley Farm. The site is located to the north east of Upper Cumberworth and the south west of Lower Cumberworth. To the south of the proposed site, there is the existing Recycling Centre. The surrounding site has previously been associated with quarry use, however, this has since been reverted back to grassland and this is clearly seen on the map regressions and aerial images. The site is within the Greenbelt.

As noted to the west is the Upper Cumberworth. This includes the Upper Cumberworth Conservation Area. The Conservation Area covers the historic core of Upper Cumberworth, which focuses around the Grade II Church of St Nicholas. There are several other listed buildings within the Conservation Area.

To the north east of the site is Lower Cumberworth. There are several listed buildings within the settlement.

To the immediate north, north west of the proposed site is the Grade II Lane Side House. The listed building is formed of a terraced pair of houses, now one dwelling and dated to the early 19th century. The listed building can be experienced from along Cumberworth Lane, the public right of way which leads south off Cumberworth Lane and also off the lane leading to the Recycling centre. It can therefore be experienced from several key site lines.

The proposals are for a new area of quarry located to the south east of Lane Side House. This is a sizeable area of operation and will see a high level of alteration to the historic landscape.

The submitted detail has taken into consideration the impacts on the designated heritage as set out in the WYAS Archaeological Desk-based assessment. We would agree with the finding of the report, that there will be no impact to the Upper Cumberworth Conservation Area of designated assets. There will equally be no impact on the assets within Lower Cumberworth. The report highlights that there will be a medium impact on the Grade II Lane Side House. We consider that there would be a medium impact as the proposals will impact the immediate and wider setting of the asset.

The report does indicate that there is some mitigation for the proposals with the row of existing planting along the northern boundary. This is however not continuous and does not run the length of the northern boundary. The proposals will also include a stated 5m screening mound. While this will provide some form of visual mitigation, it will create an obtrusive feature. There will also be the introduction of a more formalised access track, which will run to the immediate south of Lane End House and will be entirely visible as there is a break in the mature hedge/ planting. We consider that additional planting of hedging is required to provide further migration. The current proposals will only provide modest mitigation.

We consider that there is a need to give further consideration to the location and route of the access track. We would query whether the access track would be relocated and positioned further to the south. In addition, we consider that additional planting would be required to the northern boundary. We would also highlight that the new quarrying operation will provide increased noise and visual harm during the time of operation.

As presented, we consider that as set out there are certain elements which require further consideration. Including the route of the access track and the addition of further planting to the northern boundary. Consideration also needs to be given to the length of the quarrying operation and the treatment of the site post-use.