



Application number 2023/92191

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application referenced above, which seeks approval for a housing development that necessitates opencast mining within our community. I am deeply concerned about the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts that this development could have on our area. Therefore, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council carefully considers the following objections before making a decision on this matter:

Environmental Concerns:

- a. Opencast mining is known to have a severe impact on local ecosystems, including the destruction of natural habitats, pollution of air and water, and noise pollution. It is crucial to assess and mitigate these impacts effectively.
- b. Concerns about the long-term effects of mining on soil quality, which may render the land unsuitable for future use or require extensive remediation.
- c. The potential release of hazardous substances and increased risk of land subsidence, which could pose risks to neighboring properties and public safety.

Impact on Local Infrastructure:

- a. The increased traffic associated with mining operations and subsequent construction could put additional strain on our already congested roads, potentially leading to safety hazards and longer commute times for residents.
- b. Concerns regarding the capacity of local schools, healthcare facilities, and other public services to accommodate the influx of new residents.

Loss of Natural Landscape:

- a. The proposed development would result in the loss of valuable green spaces and open land that contribute to the character and well-being of our community.
- b. The destruction of the local landscape could negatively affect the quality of life for residents and lead to a loss of biodiversity.

Community Well-being:

- a. The disruption caused by mining operations and construction can have detrimental effects on the mental and physical health of residents, particularly those living in close proximity to the site.
- b. Concerns about the potential decline in property values due to the industrial nature of the project, which could adversely affect the financial well-being of local homeowners