

About the application

Application number: 2023/62/93449/W	
What is the application for?:	Deepen and extend Windy Ridge Quarry; increase the number of HGV movements permi
Address of the site or building:	Windy Ridge Quarry, Cartworth Moor Road, Cartworth Moor, Holmfirth, HD9 2RL
Postcode:	HD9 2RL

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>There is insufficient room in this space for the whole of our letter detailing objections to this application. I have put in as much of the letter as I can. The full letter will be forwarded to you via Councillor Crook.</p>	
<p>2023/62/93449/W Planning objections.</p> <p>We wish to object to this planning application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Retrospective nature of the planning application. Works are currently being undertaken contrary to the current planning conditions, e.g. numbers of vehicle movements per day, hours of working;<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Vehicle movements per day are regularly circa 50 movements.b. Hours of operation of those vehicle movements are regularly from 7am, as noted by various members of the public walking near Snailsden Reservoir.2. This is a carbon copy of the previously rejected submission. There are insufficiently direct answers to all major objections. All objections raised to the previous application are still valid.3. <p style="text-align: right;">contrary to planning legislation</p>(principally sections 65, 193 and 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990).4. Seemingly insufficient land ownership identified by the company / director seeking the application based on titles held at the Land Registry / information at Companies House.5. Retrospective nature of hydrogeological consultant mitigation action stipulations (i.e. soakaway / cohesive barrier of defined permeability and thickness / defined saturation zones) with no quality assurance these:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. have been undertaken by an independent party.	

- a. have been undertaken by an independent party.
- b. have evidence of their suitability
- c. accept liability of impacts to potable water usage and costs to current users thereof (i.e. costs of switch to mains water billing and potential human health impacts).

The council have insufficient resources to police this. There is no mention of a separate party, paid for by the applicant and engaged by the council, undertaking this monitoring of water nor of any evidence being sought for this through a substantial site investigation. Members of the public cannot be expected to police this either based on the below allegation of behaviour by the applicant causing 'alarm, harassment and distress'.

In short, potable water could become polluted without people being aware – possibility being a health hazard. Regular testing is needed to ensure this doesn't happen.

6. Aggressive and antisocial behaviour of applicant to local residents causing 'alarm, harassment and distress' (as per Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) including.

- a. dangerous dog(s) apparently sited to prevent usage of public rights of way.
- b. physical assaulting a member of public trying to take photographs and monitor the site to send information to the council / planning team.
- c. dumping of slurry on driveway of member of public, caught on film by resident's security camera.

7. Continued sand, silt and clay fines contamination of local highways, particularly junctions, minor drainage and surfacing on road curves. This presents a regular drainage runoff issue as well as creating low friction conditions on the highways nearby and exacerbating road wear rates.

8. Considerable light pollution - powerful lights can be seen from both the Upperthong area of the valley and the Hade Edge side. This could have a detrimental effect on the numbers of wildlife in the area as well as being a nuisance to residents.

9. There are huge concerns over the lack of council monitoring on what is being dumped at the quarry.

- a. Were any conditions put in place before the backfilling started?
- b. There is no quality assurance, third-party assurance of where the material is from, laboratory testing because of the likelihood of pollution, attenuation efficacy from the current unknown materials being imported to the site in vast quantity / volume. What exactly is being imported and buried at the site under the guises of 'inert hardcore waste'? We are informed that refrigerators, other domestic wastes and leachates of unknown origin are being deposited at the site without any control. This means, to all intents and purposes, the quarry is being used by this operator as a dump, with significant likelihood of ecological and aquifer impacts.
- c. There is a possibility of an agreement to maintain the roads in the area. This was originally put at £25,000 but seems to be being reduced to around £16000. £25,000 is clearly insufficient to provide the amount of maintenance needed, especially the damage done to the edges of roads. Who will ensure this sum is paid every year in perpetuity?

10. This is a carbon copy- a copy and paste, version of a prior rejected application (2022/62/93230/W) with the variation of the applicant's name and some basic responses to the previous objections.

- a. The same Mr Samuel Joseph Stringer Hunter and a new person, a Miss Christine Alice Barber, are the actors behind this

application aside from their appointed agents.

b. The key failure previously was the applicant, Mr Hunter

c. Mr Hunter is a 'Director' of Cartworth Quarries Ltd on companies house, whereas Miss Christine Barber was previously identified as 'Office Manager' between the dates of 04/03/19-16/08/19. Miss Barber no longer has any formal role in this company according to Companies House on 24/12/23.

d. Cartworth Quarries is identified via legal charge information logged with Companies House to own land related to land registry title WYK852108.