

Search application details

Application number: 2023/93449	
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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH MY NAME, ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS. I have good reason to be afraid of repercussions should my identity be revealed.

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the retrospective planning application from Windy Ridge Quarry. Retrospective because some of the works cited have already taken place and the increase in the number of vehicles coming to and fro has been happening certainly since Summer 2023.

I completely support the detailed points made in the other comments on line. In particular regarding the effect of the application on the character of Cartworth Moor, the quarry activities are having a devastating effect. The right of way footpath through the site is no longer usable because it has been so degraded by quarry activities and by the presence of a chained dog. Cartworth Moor Road, Cartworth Road and Bare Bones Road are in materially worse condition due to volume of lorries connected to the quarry and also to increased sand, dirt and other deposits. The unmade surface of Cartworth Moor Road in particular and the verges of all the roads have been materially damaged by the constant flow of lorries connected to the quarry. In terms of character Cartworth Moor Road used to be a walker's paradise. Now it is an area to be avoided, a muddy, rutted waste. Cartworth Moor Road is central to the character of Cartworth Moor. Surely Kirklees should be taking steps to rescue the character of this road. This application should be rejected and current restrictions on the quarry's activities enforced.

My second point regards impact on highway safety and traffic. Again, the retrospective nature of this application is making a mockery of the law. The traffic from the quarry far, far exceeds the limits set by previous applications. I have witnessed many times lorry after lorry after lorry career down Cartworth Moor Road and Bare Bones Road. The impact of the quarry traffic as it stands is clear on the state of these roads. The lorries represent a clear and present danger both to pedestrians (there are no pavements) and also to other vehicles. I would maintain that Cartworth Moor Road is not built for such use. The increased number of potholes on Bare Bones Road and general poor condition is undoubtedly connected to the quarry traffic. I also want to stress the aggressive and careless way in which the vehicles are driven. I have myself had to pull in when driving and simply get out of the way of lorries thundering along in the middle of Bare Bones Road with no way of stopping.

Attempts by the quarry operator to clear up neighbouring roads are ineffective, tokenistic and sporadic at best as have been attempts to repair Cartworth Moor Road. Please do not allow any application which authorises an increase in the number of HGV movements. Indeed enforce existing limits and let the character of the area have a chance to recover before the damage is irreparable.