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We object to this planning application due to the following;

The current allowance is for a maximum of 16 HGV trips (8 in and 8 out) per day. This allowance is clearly being disregarded on a regular basis and often before the allowed start time of 8am. This has been reported to Kirklees by several local residents – without any sanctions being imposed, or complied with. Kirklees Council should take action and enforce the existing license of the quarry and have them adhere to the rules and not allow any further increase as these would no doubt also be abused.

The new application requests a maximum of 40 HGV trips with traffic travelling along Linshaws Road, Bare Bones Road, Flight Hill, Law Common Road, and Penistone Road (B6106).

The high level of traffic affects us in the following ways:

We are fortunate enough to have curlews and lapwings migrating to nearby fields (and others on the route). The amount of noise from both the quarry workings and the traffic will clearly have a detrimental effect on the nesting and mating patterns of these endangered species.

We own a holiday cottage located along the official route. This business is vital to our income and has been flourishing with very high satisfaction ratings on holiday rental sites. We are experiencing an increase in negative comments about the amount of traffic passing the house and garden and are already seeing a downturn in business. Access to the driveway is on the route – it is becoming difficult and dangerous to exit this driveway without meeting oncoming lorries, travelling at speed.

With the cottage located at a junction, the noise created by the lorries braking and navigating the junction – often using “lorry turning” warning messages is unpleasant and particularly at 7am in the morning!

We market the cottage as a rural getaway – with access to countryside and local beauty spots such as Holmestyles, Winscar and Snailsden. The routes to these areas is becoming increasingly difficult and dangerous to navigate – either on foot, or by car, due to the amount of Cartworth Quarry lorries driving along Barebones Road and Flight Hill at speed. There are many walkers, cyclists and horse riders use the area; if the increase is allowed then it’s simply a matter of time before a tragic accident happens.

In addition to these issues close to us – the amount of quarry traffic heading into Holmfirth, as most of them seem to do, is really unsuitable for such a narrow route along Dunford Road which is single lane in many parts due to the parking by residents. I’ve seen an ambulance stuck due to tailbacks caused by large vehicles - this is simply unacceptable, and a further increase in traffic would cause more issues for the emergency services, which need access at all times. Holmfirth needs tourists – but with the village being clogged and brought to grid-lock by the amount of HGVs passing through is simply killing tourism and local businesses.