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### About the application

Application number: 2024/93458	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development for 62 dwellings including grouting remedial
Address of the site or building:	land at, Cliff Hill, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8
Postcode:	YO1 0LT

### User comments

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Objection to Planning Application 2024/93458	
<p>I strongly object to the above planning application on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Unacceptable Environmental and Health Impacts</p> <p>The proposed opencast coal extraction will generate significant levels of dust, air pollution, and noise, which will severely impact the health and well-being of local residents, particularly children and elderly individuals.</p> <p>Prolonged exposure to coal dust and diesel emissions from heavy machinery is linked to respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, and other serious health conditions.</p> <p>There is no clear mitigation strategy for managing these pollutants over an extended, undefined period.</p> <p>2. Incomplete and Inadequate Risk Assessment</p> <p>The risk assessment provided by the applicant is incomplete and fails to fully outline the risks and hazards associated with the opencast mining operations.</p> <p>There is no detailed explanation of the necessary control measures to mitigate risks to levels that comply with regulatory guidelines and legal requirements.</p> <p>Without a comprehensive and transparent risk assessment, there is no assurance that the project can be undertaken safely, exposing both workers and residents to avoidable risks.</p> <p>Given the serious nature of coal extraction, this omission is unacceptable and should be grounds for rejection.</p> <p>3. Disruption to Local Community Due to Open-Ended Timescales</p> <p>The lack of a fixed timeframe for coal removal means this disruptive activity may</p>	

The lack of a fixed timeframe for coal removal means this disruptive activity may persist indefinitely, causing ongoing distress to residents.

The uncertainty surrounding the duration of extraction increases anxiety for local homeowners and could devalue their properties.

A prolonged, large-scale industrial operation in a predominantly residential area is completely inappropriate and does not align with the community's interests.

#### 4. Traffic and Highway Safety Risks

The proposal will introduce a high volume of HGVs, excavation equipment, and service vehicles, leading to increased road congestion, noise pollution, and safety hazards in the centre of Denby Dale.

Many of these roads may not be designed to handle the frequent movement of heavy goods vehicles, putting pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users at serious risk.

There is no clear traffic management plan in place to mitigate the inevitable disruption.

#### 5. Conflict with Kirklees Local Plan and National Policy

The proposal contradicts Kirklees Council's sustainability goals by prioritising fossil fuel extraction over environmental protection and community well-being.

The UK is moving away from coal due to its environmental impact. Approving new coal extraction conflicts with national climate commitments and undermines the transition to cleaner energy.

The destruction of greenfield or residential-adjacent land for coal extraction does not align with local or national planning frameworks.

#### 6. Negative Impact on Housing Development and Future Residents

If the site is eventually converted into housing, the long-term contamination risks from coal extraction may pose ground stability concerns and require extensive remediation, potentially delaying or preventing future housing delivery.

Future residents may be exposed to subsidence issues or residual contamination, making the land unsuitable for residential use without significant and costly intervention. Is an insurance policy going to be provided by the applicant to provide adequate indemnity to residents in surrounding areas for any such outcomes prior to, during the works and for a sustained period afterwards?

In conclusion, this proposal presents unacceptable risks to the environment, public health, and the quality of life of local residents. The incomplete risk assessment fails to identify all potential hazards and does not provide satisfactory control measures to ensure risks are minimised as far as reasonably practicable. This raises serious safety concerns and demonstrates a lack of due diligence.

Additionally, the absence of a clear and enforceable timescale means this disruption could persist indefinitely, making it impossible for affected communities to plan their future. Furthermore, the traffic, pollution, and environmental concerns far outweigh any

perceived benefits of the development.

I urge Kirklees Council to reject this application in its entirety due to its harmful consequences and failure to align with local and national planning priorities.