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

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to formally object to the planning application. As a resident whose property directly backs onto the proposed site, I have significant concerns regarding the implications of this development on our community.

The proposed development of residential properties incorporates a plan for coal extraction that would essentially necessitate the creation of an open cast mine. This aspect of the project is deeply majorly concerning for several reasons:

1. Environmental Impact and Contradiction of Green Policies
The inclusion of coal extraction directly conflicts with the nation's commitment to greener, sustainable development. In an era where government policies emphasize reducing reliance on fossil fuels and mitigating climate change, proceeding with a project that relies on coal mining not only undermines these initiatives but also risks damaging the reputation of local planning decisions. Such a decision could be viewed controversially by both national and local media, casting the council as complicit in actions that stand in stark opposition to the country's environmental objectives.

2. Unquantified Extraction and Unmeasured Impacts
A major concern is that the developer has been unable to quantify the proposed level of coal extraction. This lack of specificity means that the full extent of environmental degradation—including air, noise, and water pollution—cannot be accurately measured or predicted. The uncertainty surrounding these figures creates a scenario where the resultant impacts on the environment and public health are potentially unmeasurable, increasing the risk of unforeseen and possibly irreversible damage.

3. Impact on Community Health and Safety, Especially for Children
The proposed open cast mining and excavation will bring significant levels of dust, noise, and air pollution. These disturbances are particularly harmful to children, who are more vulnerable to respiratory issues, developmental problems, and other health risks associated with environmental pollutants. With many families and young children residing in the surrounding streets, the cumulative effect on health and well-being could be severe. The potential disruption to local schools and recreational spaces further exacerbates concerns regarding the safety and quality of life for our children.

4. Detrimental Effects on Local Infrastructure and Community Well-Being:
Beyond environmental hazards, the extensive nature of the development and associated excavation is likely to place strain on local infrastructure. Increased traffic, congestion, and heightened demand on public services are direct consequences that will further degrade the quality of life for current residents. The initial rejection by the council underscores the community's significant concerns and should not be dismissed lightly.

In light of these substantial concerns, I urge the planning committee to consider the negative impacts this proposal would have—not only on our community health but also on the broader perception of our local government. Approving a project that aligns so poorly with established green policies and fails to quantify critical aspects of its environmental impact risks serious reputational damage and sets a concerning precedent for future developments.