



These plans have already been rejected twice for the valid reasons mentioned by others here.

- the extra traffic involved on the dangerous steep hill of Cumberworth Lane which has restricted views and the extremely narrow proposed entrance to the site. The volume of heavy traffic appears to be grossly underestimated, and the narrow road can only just cope with the light domestic traffic it already experiences;
- road traffic danger and hazards. The road is steep and narrow and already causes delay when two vehicles want to pass where a car is parked. This would be so much worse for regular heavy works vehicles.
- conservation of buildings, trees, wildlife and conservation of a rural village
- Health & Safety of the residence. Coal (Waste) removal The site is known to have a coal layer which must be removed to enable a development. Removal (or disruption) of coal (waste) is contrary to the National Coal Boards guidelines and if this development is authorized, the individual who gives it would be clearly uninterested in these guidelines and be negligent. The risk of causing respiratory disease or worsening people with it from the process of open cast coal mining.
- Eventual concreting over the open cast mine will prevent the rain to draining, this adding to flooding which the village already experiences.
- There has been no clear explanation of the route that will be taken to transport the excavated coal from the site. Previously it was proposed to use Leak Hall Crescent and Leak Hall Road as an access point for waggon movements from the site. Neither of these routes are small residential roads with residents parking by necessity on the road, this restricting easy access – even for the very few domestic vehicles which use them. The proposed volume of wagon traffic is not only unsuitable, it is also unfeasible and dangerous.

None of these issues have been properly detailed by the developers and they seem to have been deliberately vague. To be operating an opencast mining in a village centre is grossly irresponsible, and for the planners to allow this would be environmentally unacceptable. What would this say about the green policies of Kirklees? It would be a total betrayal of the residents of Denby Dale. I urge the council to refuse this development finally.