

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

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<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed development involving the construction of 62 houses in Denby Dale village, alongside the reopening of a coal mine mere meters from existing residential properties.</p> <p>This proposal raises multiple serious concerns, which I outline below:</p> <p>1. Inadequate Local Services</p> <p>Denby Dale is already under strain from recent developments, and local services are insufficient to support a further influx of residents:</p> <p>Primary and secondary schools are oversubscribed, with families frequently having to seek placements out of area.</p> <p>GP surgeries are at capacity, and residents already report long waiting times for appointments.</p> <p>There is no indication in the planning application that appropriate investment will be made to expand these critical services.</p> <p>2. Environmental and Public Health Impact</p> <p>Reopening a coal mine in close proximity to homes poses significant risks to air quality and public health:</p> <p>Dust, noise, and particulate pollution from mining operations will affect residents' health, particularly children and the elderly.</p> <p>The environmental impact of mining operations, including habitat disruption, loss of green space, and increased carbon emissions, is incompatible with the UK's climate commitments and local sustainability goals.</p>	

3. Insufficient Road Infrastructure

The existing road network is not designed to support the dual burden of a new housing estate and an active mining operation:

Denby Dale already experiences traffic congestion, especially on Wakefield Road and Barnsley Road.

The addition of 500 HGV movements per day (entry and exit) introduces a severe safety risk for pedestrians, schoolchildren, and other road users.

Roads are narrow, with limited capacity for increased heavy vehicle traffic, creating a real risk of accidents and delays.

4. Geological and Flooding Risks

The area is known to be underlain by historic mining works:

Subsidence is a well-documented risk in the region and could endanger both new and existing homes.

Any disturbance from renewed mining activity may compromise ground stability.

The area has seen surface water flooding in the past, and additional development, combined with soil disruption, may increase the risk of flooding downstream.

5. Quality of Life and Community Impact

The scale and nature of the proposal are fundamentally incompatible with village life:

Constant industrial noise and vibration from the mine will significantly reduce residents' quality of life.

The increase in dust and diesel emissions will create a persistent nuisance and health hazard.

The proposal threatens the rural character of Denby Dale, undermining its value as a residential and community-focused environment.

Conclusion

This proposal is unsuitable for Denby Dale and should be rejected on grounds of public safety, environmental degradation, insufficient infrastructure, and overwhelming community opposition.

I urge the planning committee to consider the long-term well-being of local residents and the character of the village before making a decision. The risks far outweigh any perceived short-term benefits.