

## 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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Formal Objection to Planning Application – Land at Leak Hall, Denby Dale (Proposed Development of 62 Houses and Associated Coal Extraction) Ref no 2024/62/93458/E	
Dear Sir/Madam,	
I am writing to express my strong objection to the revised planning application for the development of 62 residential dwellings on land at <b>Leak Hall, Denby Dale</b> , which includes the <b>extraction of an unspecified amount of coal</b> from the site.	
This proposal has already been rejected twice, and the fundamental concerns previously raised remain unresolved. I wish to highlight the following critical issues:	
Environmental and Health Risks from Coal Extraction	
The proposed coal extraction poses <b>serious environmental and public health concerns</b> . The <b>volume of coal to be extracted remains undefined</b> , raising significant uncertainty over the scale and duration of the operation. Coal extraction, by its nature, involves <b>noise pollution, air pollution (including dust and particulate matter), and risks of land contamination</b> —all of which are unacceptable in a semi-rural, residential area.	
Noise and Disturbance to the Local Community	
The planned extraction and construction works will generate substantial and prolonged <b>noise, vibration, and traffic disruption</b> , which would have a detrimental impact on the <b>wellbeing and quality of life</b> for residents in and around Denby Dale. This area is a peaceful community, and the scale of industrial activity proposed is completely inappropriate for this setting.	
Transport and Safety Concerns	

The **transportation of coal through Denby Dale village** presents a major concern. The village infrastructure is **not designed to accommodate heavy industrial traffic**, and residents are rightly worried about the **increased risk to pedestrian and road safety**, traffic congestion, and damage to roads. This will also contribute to further noise and air pollution through the heart of the village.

#### Comparison to Other Developments is Misleading

The applicant has referenced two other developments where coal extraction occurred. However, the **scale and impact** of those developments were not comparable to the level proposed at Leak Hall. The use of these cases to justify the current application is **misleading** and fails to address the distinct and more significant environmental burden that this proposal carries.

#### Repeated Objections and Lack of Community Support

This is the **third time** this development has been brought forward, and the **community's position has been clear** each time: this proposal is not welcome. The **lack of transparency**, particularly regarding the coal extraction volume, and the **failure to address core concerns**, demonstrates a disregard for local voices and the long-term interests of the area.

In conclusion, I urge Kirklees Council to reject this application once again on the grounds of unacceptable environmental harm, public health risks, community disruption, and overwhelming local opposition. Denby Dale deserves sustainable and respectful development, not industrial-scale coal extraction masked behind a housing project.