

## 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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<p>I strongly object to the proposed construction of 62 new houses in Denby Dale village, which is tied to the reopening of a coal mine located just meters from existing homes.</p> <p>This development poses multiple, significant concerns across environmental, infrastructural, and public health dimensions:</p> <p>---</p> <p>1. Inadequate Local Services</p> <p>Denby Dale already struggles to meet the needs of its current population:</p> <p>Local schools are oversubscribed, forcing families to look outside the area for placements.</p> <p>GP surgeries and healthcare services are stretched, with long waiting times and limited appointment availability.</p> <p>No comprehensive plan has been offered to improve or expand these essential services in line with the proposed population increase.</p> <p>---</p> <p>2. Environmental and Health Impact</p> <p>The proximity of coal mining operations to homes raises unacceptable risks:</p> <p>Residents would be exposed to airborne dust, particulate matter, and noise pollution, with adverse effects on health, particularly for vulnerable groups.</p>	

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The operation runs counter to national and local climate and sustainability goals, destroying green space and increasing carbon emissions.

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### 3. Unsuitable Road Infrastructure

The village road network is entirely unsuited to a development of this scale:

Local roads are already heavily used and often congested, particularly Wakefield Road and Barnsley Road.

Introducing 500 HGV movements per day related to mining activity will significantly increase the risk of traffic accidents, endanger pedestrians, and cause major disruption.

The infrastructure simply cannot safely or sustainably accommodate both increased residential and industrial traffic.

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### 4. Risks from Historic Mining and Flooding

This area is known to be undermined by old mining works, creating real geotechnical and hydrological dangers:

Ground instability and subsidence could threaten both new and existing homes.

Increased development and excavation may elevate the risk of flooding, particularly in a region with a history of surface water issues.

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### 5. Community Impact and Quality of Life

The scale and nature of this proposal are fundamentally out of character with the village:

Continuous industrial noise, dust, and vibrations will damage the peaceful, rural environment.

The proposal would irreparably alter the character of Denby Dale, a community valued

for its green spaces and residential feel.

The environmental and social consequences will affect not only current residents but future generations.

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### Conclusion

We urge the planning authority to reject this proposal in the interest of public safety, environmental protection, and the long-term well-being of Denby Dale and its residents. The risks and negative impacts far outweigh any perceived benefits. This is not the right location for such a development, and we call on Kirklees Council to stand with the community in preserving the health, safety, and character of our village.