

Address: 138 Almondbury Bank Huddersfield HD58EZ

About the application

Application number: 2025/91616	
What is the application for?:	Erection of concrete plant
Address of the site or building:	Upper Bankfield Mills, Almondbury Bank, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8HF
Postcode:	HD5 8HF

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I strongly object to this planning application for the proposed concrete batching plant. The proposed development is entirely unsuitable for this location and raises serious concerns, particularly regarding harm to protected and priority species and habitats, which must be given the highest level of consideration under planning and environmental law.

There are multiple records of protected and priority species and habitats within 1km of the proposed site. These include species that are safeguarded under UK law and planning policy, and whose habitats must not be disturbed, damaged, or degraded.

The proposed plant is surrounded on three sides (south, north, and east) by deciduous woodland, and lies directly adjacent to a watercourse to the south—both of which provide vital habitats, breeding grounds, and migration routes for these species.

Noise, dust, pollution, artificial lighting, and vibration from the plant will inevitably disrupt sensitive wildlife, with potential long-term consequences for local biodiversity. Once lost, these habitats cannot easily be restored.

Allowing this development to proceed would be contrary to the council's legal duties under the Environment Act 2021, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which require local authorities to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Additionally, Proposed operating hours from 6:00am are entirely inappropriate. Early-morning noise from concrete production, heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements, and on-site operations will disturb both local residents and wildlife, particularly nocturnal and early-foraging species.

Whilst Increased HGV traffic will place undue pressure on rural or residential roads, creating hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers.

The site's location adjacent to woodland and a watercourse makes it highly sensitive. Concrete production risks contaminating water sources and degrading surrounding ecosystems. The visual intrusion of a large industrial facility would also harm the character of the area.

The most pressing issue is the likely harm to protected and priority species and the destruction of critical habitats. For this reason alone, the application should be refused. When combined with the additional risks to public health, road safety, and residential amenity, it is clear this proposal is entirely inappropriate for this location.

I respectfully urge the council to reject this application in line with its duty to protect biodiversity and local communities.

My garden and the woodland area outside my house are valuable, and this should be respected for all residents.