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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

The proposed concrete plant would have a negative impact on the lives of the local residents, the environment and the character of this quiet primarily residential area. Noise pollution already occurs from 6am, and on weekends, despite the site allegedly being closed at these times. The 24/7 noise from this proposed plant would be intolerable.

Dust from the site already settles in our homes and gardens, and will increase exponentially if this application is approved. Additionally, our health will potentially be affected by inhalation of the airborne silica particles used in the manufacture of concrete. These have been known to exacerbate asthma, COPD and other lung/breathing complaints. This is of particular concern for customers attempting to enjoy the garden at the Conservative Club, and to the numerous children walking past the site on their way to/from school.

This proposed site will result in additional heavy traffic and wear and tear on Almondbury Bank, which is already congested, and on Wakefield Road. There are regular spillages of gravel and sand from lorries leaving the site, onto these roads. As the debris isn't cleared, pedestrians, cyclists and drivers are subjecting themselves to health and safety issues whilst trying to negotiate the traffic lights and pedestrian crossings.

I am surprised that the sections of the planning application regarding trees and hedges, flood risk and biodiversity have all been flagged as “no issue”. Endangered and bats are resident in the woodland surrounding the site and will be disturbed if this application proceeds. The latter have sadly declined in numbers in the surrounding area, since their tree roosts were felled on the site over the last few years (incidentally, I have been unable to find the planning application online for the removal of these trees and the clearing/concreting of the land).

Finally, the application states that their waste will go into the main sewer. As the site has flooded in the past, the build up of sand, cement and gravel into the main sewers, and into the nearby stream, will potentially cause issues for local residents. Blocked sewers and drains pose potential future flooding and damage. In view of these comments I would respectfully request that the application is refused.