Address: 91 Almondbury Bank Huddersfield HD5 8HA

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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Members of the planning committee
I write to object the planning application for the development of a Concrete Batching Plant, on behalf of myself and other concerned residents of the surrounding area. Our concerns are focused on two critical issues: the presence of protected and priority species and habitats within close proximity to the proposed site, and adverse health and quality of life impacts on local residents.

1. Ecological and biodiversity Impact. Several records confirm the presence of protected and priority species and habitats within 1km radius of the proposed site, as documented in local biodiversity records centre, eg., "County Biodiversity Records Centre" or "Natural Englands MAGIC map". These include, but are not limited to:

Priority Habitats such as lowland meadows and deciduous woodland
Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conxervation of Habitats and Species Regulationz 2017, including:
BATS (multiple species)
GREAT CRESTED NEWTS
BARN OWLS
WATER VOLES

The operation of a concrete plant presents significant risks to these sensitive ecological featurrx through airborne psrticulate matter, noise pollution, and potential water contamination. The development also risks habitat fragmentation and !ong term degradation of the surrounding green infrastrucure, contrary to National Planning Policy Frameeork (NPPF) Paragraphs 179-182, which emphasises the need to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
2. Impact on Public Health and Residential Amenity
The proposed development is in close proximity to residential properties, with several homes within a few hundred meters. A concrete batching plant is inherently industrial in nature and poxes numerous public health and amenity concerns, including:
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Air Quality Deterioration: Concrete Production releases fine particulate matter (PM 10 PM2.5), which is strongly linked to respiratory diseases, cardiovascular issues and other long term health conditiond. These impacts disproportionately affect vunerable groups, such as children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma and asbestosis.
Noise Vibration: The continuoux operation of heavy machinery, vehicle movements, and materials handling will result in u acceptable noise levels, particularly during early morning and late evening hours. These impacts would significant!y reduce the quality of life for !ocal residents, contrary to Local Plan policies on residential amenity.
Traffic and Safety: increased heavy vehicle traffiv (HGVs) will exacerbate congestion and pose safety risks to pedestrians and cyclists, especially on narrow or already-busy local roads not designed for industrial traffic.
Dust and Visual Pollution: Dust emissions, even with mitigation, are difficult to control fully and willl settle on nearby homes, gardens, and local ecosystems. The visual intrusion of large silos, conveyors, and associated infrastructure is invompatible with the surrounding rural or residential character.
3 Policy Conflicts
This application appdars to conflict with several national and local planning policies, including
NPPF section 15 - conserving and enhancing the natural environment
Protection of Local Ecology and diversjty
Air Quality and Enviromental Health
Protection of Residential Amenity
Conclusion
Given the presence of sensitive ecological receptors within 1km, alongside the substantial and irreversible harm to health, wellbeing, and, emenity of local residents, I urge the planning authority to refuse this application.
This proposal is inappropriate for this location and contrary to the principles of sustainable, enviromentally responsible development.
Thank you for considering this objection.