

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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<p>Members of the planning committee</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Priority Habitats such as lowland meadows and deciduous woodland Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulationz 2017, including: BATS (multiple species) GREAT CRESTED NEWTS BARN OWLS WATER VOLES</p> <p>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 long 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.</p> <p>2. Impact on Public Health and Residential Amenity</p> <p>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 poses numerous public health and amenity concerns, including:</p> <p>Air Quality Deterioration: Concrete Production releases fine particulate matter (PM 10</p>	

Air Quality Deterioration: Concrete Production releases fine particulate matter (PM10 PM2.5), which is strongly linked to respiratory diseases, cardiovascular issues and other long term health condition. These impacts disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, such as children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma and asbestosis.

Noise Vibration: The continuous operation of heavy machinery, vehicle movements, and materials handling will result in unacceptable noise levels, particularly during early morning and late evening hours. These impacts would significantly reduce the quality of life for local residents, contrary to Local Plan policies on residential amenity.

Traffic and Safety: increased heavy vehicle traffic (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 will settle on nearby homes, gardens, and local ecosystems. The visual intrusion of large silos, conveyors, and associated infrastructure is incompatible with the surrounding rural or residential character.

3 Policy Conflicts

This application appears to conflict with several national and local planning policies, including

NPPF section 15 - conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Protection of Local Ecology and diversity

Air Quality and Environmental 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 amenity 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, environmentally responsible development.

Thank you for considering this objection.