Address: 110 The Little House Almondbury Bank Huddersfield hd5 8ez

**About the application**

| Application number: 2025/91616 | |
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| 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**

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I object to the plans for Alphacrete for these reasons:

1) Already since Alphacrete has been operating there has been a noticeable negative impact on the air quality. Windows, cars, greenery in the surrounding area are dusty with concrete powder and sand. As is known this can have serious health implications for people with respiratory problems – my (who is a resident near the works) being one of these. If there were to be an increase in Alphacrete's activity this would only get worse.
2) Noise pollution. This is already considerable – the sound of heavy vehicles moving about, clanging, reverse alarms etc – and this starts very early in the morning – before 7. This does disturb sleep. This would obviously be worse if there were any increase in activity.
3) Water pollution. There is an ancient spring that runs in very close proximity to Alphacrete. This spring feeds into the local river and the local river is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including kingfishers, herons, dippers, and various fish species like brown trout and grayling. Local people have worked and are working very hard to improve and maintain the health of this river – dippers for example feed on aquatic insects which in turn are dependent on the water being clean. Concrete dust that would wash into the river is known to be extremely harmful to aquatic life. The government's environmental improvement plan has as it's vision that all people will have access to green space within a 15 minute walk from their home. It would be more than a pity if the people from Huddersfield on arriving at their green space – the local river- were to be confronted with the sight of hundreds of fish floating belly up thanks to concrete contamination.
4) Allowing Alphacrete to increase it's activity and even allow them to manufacture concrete 24/7 would risk a serious and negative impact on all surrounding wildlife which includes deers, (they live in the nearby woods) foxes, bats, moths, butterflies, voles –Some of these species are specifically protected by law and legally consideration must be given to this.
5) Access. There is ONLY ONE access road to this site and this is a SHARED road. This is the only access road for the residents at the listed building – Bankfield House

This is the only access road for the residents at the listed building – Bankfield House and the adjoining property – The Little House. It is also the access road for the other small businesses that operate on the site – for example Fire Stop. This very narrow access road is used by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. This road was NOT built for huge trucks carrying tons of cement to be thundering up and down it 24/7. Actually, far from allowing Alphacrete to increase activity on this site I can only wonder why permission was at all granted for this kind of business in a residential area with such limited access. One side of the access road leads to a very steep drop. There is a barrier in place to mitigate against this – but this has already been significantly damaged by an earlier impact with a heavy vehicle – evidence that the road is too narrow and that there is every chance that this could happen again – only this time the driver and/or the person/persons in the lower yard may not be so lucky. It goes without saying that there is a real risk of injury or even death to any pedestrian or cyclist that would meet up with a truck speeding up this lane (and they do speed up). The pavement at one side (the side of the big drop) is very narrow – certainly does not meet any legal requirements and is in addition very overgrown. Even if this pavement were to be kept clear it is so narrow that it would not be safe for a pedestrian to use it at the same time as the truck coming up or down the road. The road itself is subsiding – there is a real risk that heavy vehicles constantly using it will cause the road to completely collapse. Apart from the obvious risks that would entail from this – injury, death – it would also mean that all of the residents who share this only access road would be cut off from all vehicular access and obviously it would mean that no emergency vehicles would be able to access the residents.
6) Dangerous exit onto Almondbury Bank. The exit onto the Bank meets up at the end of the hill – traffic comes down at speed requiring very careful edging out as it is really a blind spot.