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	
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I am writing to formally object to the proposed construction of a concrete factory in the residential area of Almondbury Bank, which is also adjacent to valuable woodland and community allotments.

This development raises serious environmental, health, and quality-of-life concerns for the local community, and I urge the council to reject the application on the following grounds:

1. Dust Pollution and Air Quality
Concrete production is known to release significant quantities of dust and particulate matter into the air. Given the factory's close proximity to homes, woodland, and allotments, airborne dust will pose a real hazard to residents, local wildlife, and crops. Wind can carry these particles over considerable distances, far beyond the site itself, potentially impacting air quality throughout the neighborhood and natural areas. Children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory conditions will be particularly vulnerable.

2. Noise Pollution
The operation of heavy machinery, cement mixers, and delivery vehicles will introduce constant industrial noise to what is currently a quiet residential area. This noise pollution will disrupt daily life, reduce the enjoyment of nearby green spaces, and negatively affect mental well-being, particularly for those living nearest the site.

3. Traffic and Road Safety
The proposed site is accessed via Almondbury Bank, a narrow road not designed to accommodate the increased volume and size of heavy goods vehicles. The additional traffic will pose a serious safety risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers. Furthermore, increased emissions from idling trucks and transport vehicles will further deteriorate local air quality and contribute to climate pollution.

4. Environmental Impact on Woodland and Allotments
The adjacent woodland and allotments serve as vital community assets—supporting biodiversity, promoting sustainability, and offering residents space for recreation and food growing. Dust, runoff, and industrial activity could irreversibly damage these green spaces, threatening local ecosystems and undermining community well-being.

In summary, the introduction of a concrete factory in this location is wholly inappropriate and incompatible with the surrounding residential and natural environment. The proposal poses unacceptable risks to public health, safety, and the ecological integrity of the area.

I respectfully urge the planning committee to reject this application in the interest of protecting the local community, the environment, and future generations.