

Address: 86B Barnsley Road Huddersfield

### About the application

Application number: 2025/93572	
What is the application for?:	Outline application with all matters reserved, bar vehicle access into the site,
Address of the site or building:	Land South of, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NN
Postcode:	

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No

I would like to object very strongly to the proposed plans to build 123 houses on this site. The site is Greenbelt and is not allocated for housing in the currently adopted Kirklees Local Plan and would seem not to meet any grounds for exception. There are trees enjoying Preservation Orders on site. The development would increase the size of the village by circa 30% which seems inappropriate in the extreme and completely out of character with the rest of the village. It would also destroy the views/visual amenity.

Public transport is inadequate and often unreliable and is unlikely to provide a reliable commute for work or school - thus it seems likely that the 100/200 cars that might be expected on the site will need to be used creating further congestion and danger on the excessively busy Barnsley Road with even more pressure on the notorious Sovereign and Carr Lane cross roads. The local school is in general full the railway station has only 6/7 car parking spaces and Denby Dale is already grid-locked most of the day. Add to this a further 120 HGVs a day from the Bromley Farm quarry which has been approved and the sadly overturned Council decision in respect of the 'coal mine' development in the centre of Denby Dale which will create a large number of additional HGVs it must be apparent to all that this is simply not a sustainable site without significant improvement to infrastructure which is not going to happen!

The topography of the field ensures that surface water drains into the Ancient woodland as evidenced in the recent wet weather. This water is bound to be polluted by normal building activity/materials causing untold damage to the natural habitats. The Environmental 'study' submitted with the application smacks of a largely desk based report suggesting the local Bats will not venture into the centre of the field! Deer (not mentioned) do not confine themselves to the other side of the wall as local residents will confirm in fact it is well known local fact that the deer often produce their young in the dip at the bottom edge of the field. In spite of what these 'theoretic' and superficial reports have to say, there will be significant loss of habitat for local wildlife.

There have been significant issues in respect of water supply and sewage where the Barnsley Road has been dug up several times in the last year as a result of burst pipes evidencing an old and insufficient infrastructure which on the face of it would seem inadequate to provide a reliable supply to another 123 houses.

It should be clear that the proposed site is not appropriate on many grounds, the local area is at saturation point and hopefully permission will be refused.