



I am writing to formally object to the above planning application.

I have lived in Upper Cumberworth for over 30 years and I chose to live in this village for its rural character and quality of life. My children and now my grandchildren value and enjoy the green open spaces this area provides.

I believe that this proposal will cause unacceptable harm to Green Belt land. It would damage the rural landscape character and valued views around Upper Cumberworth. It would also negatively affect the ancient woodland and result in the loss and disturbance of important habitats, wildlife, including bats, woodland birds, woodland ants and deer that are known to raise their young on that land would all be affected.

There are also existing issues with drainage and sewerage capacity locally (only last week a problem with a sewerage outlet, and numerous issues with water leaks on Barnsley Road last year).

The site is in an unsustainable location with limited access to local amenities and an unreliable public transport system. It is already difficult to obtain doctor's and dentist appointments in the area and with the addition of families from another 123 houses it would place an even greater strain on already stretched public services.

I also have very serious safety concerns regarding the A635 Barnsley Road, this road is already not fit for the current volume of traffic and, I don't believe surface dressing the road will resolve the underlying poor condition of the road. Many drivers already fail to adhere to the 40mph speed limit and when combined with additional traffic, including the proposed quarry traffic, this will create a serious accident risk.

Further safety concerns I have relate to Carr Hill Road, which is a local village road, not a main road (you wouldn't believe that though), this road is used as a 'rat run' by drivers attempting to avoid the already notorious Sovereign Crossroads, there is also no adequate pavements for the safety of pedestrians, and I believe that additional traffic would only worsen this situation.

I also understand that this proposal falls outside the Local Plan and has been submitted prematurely.

This land should be kept as Green Belt Agricultural land and stay protected indefinitely, once our Green Belt land has gone, it's gone forever, there's no putting it back!

I would urge the planning authority to reject this proposal.