

## 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?	Yes
<p>I want to object to this proposal because our village cannot cope with an influx of 300 or so extra people. I work for the NHS and I know how stretched the doctors and dentist surgeries are in our area. Getting appointments is difficult as it is. If an extra 300 people join the queue it will be impossible. And there is no extra NHS funding to expand the services.</p> <p>The schools wont be able to cope.</p> <p>Having 300 more people will mean hundreds more cars and vehicles coming and going to and from the village. Our roads are narrow and there have been lots of accidents in the village and at the Sovereign crossroads and so statistically, this will get worse.</p> <p>The housing development will increase the village by a third, which will turn us into more of a town, like Denby Dale, and we will lose our identity. It also feels like building downhill is the first step to building all the way down to Denby Dale, so that we actually just merge into one. That was the idea of the Green Belt, to stop the urban sprawl, so I find it hard to believe that this application is even being considered.</p> <p>The land is also on a slope, and so I do not understand why the builders would be interested in this land where they will have to construct the houses in terraces.</p> <p>Plus, if they build roads and houses on this land, this will stop the rain from soaking into the soil, and so that water will run off into the roads and into the drains, which are already overloaded on rainy days, because it floods the ancient woodland and pours down the road to Denby Dale. I noticed the plan talks about having an Attenuation Tank to store rainwater. But I wonder how robust and reliable that will be. It just seems too much of an unnecessary risk, that all that rainwater from 123 houses will end up in Denby Dale and in people's houses at the bottom of the hill.</p> <p>The water is also due to go into the woods, which flood during the rains now anyway, so it could turn that into a marshland, and destroy the natural habitat, which houses birds, deer and hairy ants (the only reported colony in Kirklees). Any flooding would also wipe out the naturalised bluebells which the locals look out for in spring.</p> <p>The proposals would destroy our lovely old Yorkshire village which I love so much. It would not feel like our village anymore.</p>	