

Planning ContactCentre

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OBJECTION TO VIVLY LIVING proposed 123 houses development.

From 87 Barnsley Rd Upper Cumberworth HD8 8NN - please list online.

1) Greenbelt land should not be destroyed prior to use of Brown sites & empty properties within Kirklees = meeting unmet needs per local plan. It is not a special circumstance (e.g. infilling / health centre need / actual shortage of affordable houses (50% per government if exception approved) The new local plan due 2026/27 must be fully funded & have balanced biodiversity wellbeing / infrastructures (e.g.capacity in health - schools - roads - drainage - internet speeds - affect existing business/customers).

2) Reclassifying agricultural needed land for UK food supplies security in a turbulent world is not the answer. Ancient woodland ensures mental wellbeing & biodiversity in our rural area, as covid showed us all. Urban sprawl unchecked does nothing for anyone (individual space & food still needed). No development too close to the Ancient wood b/c it's water catchment area & disturbance of wildlife essential.

3) Highway risks from narrow access / kerbside parking / narrow pavements; HGVs (lorry park Lower Cumberworth increased traffic too) already give pedestrians noise / pollution & sprayed tarmac topping grit dangerous, even before Quarry activity returns. Proposed 123 houses = 289 people, 160 cars with 158000 journeys on congested junctions. Sovereign crossroads / school-post office junction both have had accidents, plus we have fear of an RTA at least monthly entering/exiting our driveway & others speed = skid risks too.

Transport links not sufficient to negate car use, given infrequent buses / cancelled trains at Denby Dale / minimal parking in village.

4) Yorkshire water / Kirklees drains maintenance/ traffic alleviation are not planned to be improved yet; existing capacities do not meet current demands on victorian infrastructures (monthly water leaks near site - low pressure; our sewer collapse took 15 months to fully repair, local beck polluting effluent already a biodiversity problem).

5) Vivly Living / other developers need end dates to existing housing site's completions / pay suppliers / fund Education commitment & infrastructure funded / sorted BEFORE submitting applications outside of Kirklees new local plan.

I hope you take my concerns serious, as a longstanding resident & user of footpaths / wood / fields in our rural village