



This is an objection from a pensioner...yes a pensioner. I am allowed a view, even though the developer stated to Cumberworth residents that they weren't interested in the view of a pensioner (fact...I will let you have the proof if you like)...

So the development is all about a housing need for the young? It's about a proven need for housing in the area? At this minute there are virtually 350 houses for sale within 3 miles and 900 within 5 miles.

They say there is a proven need/want for houses in the Cumberworth area..why?

There is nothing there. Virtually no shops, no amenities, no doctor, no dentist. So why do people want to live there? Is it possibly the countryside and its greenbelt? So it's a good idea then to pour concrete all over it and provide even more drainage problems.

What happens in those fields causes flooding further down in Denby Dale. Ask Yorkshire water. I lived by the cricket field and bowling green in Denby Dale and on countless occasions both of these patches of green were flooded because of what goes on further upstream...which is Upper Cumberworth and that field and its connection to the river through the woods. On top of this there are thousands of empty houses in KMC plus countless numbers of brown/grey field sites. There is no reason to rip up more of our greenbelt land which is producing food. It is in fact a crime. We all know that there is one basic reason why they want to tear HD8 apart...it's easier & with higher house prices. Regeneration is the buzz word until it doesn't suit. Regenerate Huddersfield property rather than destroy what makes this protected habitat and Town beautiful.

The water supply has had it. Constant bursts and even Yorkshire water say their system can't cope and they have to turn the pressure down (another fact), what will it be like with another 123 houses in the new toy town Cumberworth. This development will entirely change the face of a village and begin the sprawl towards Denby Dale, Shepley, Shelley and birds edge producing a conurbation of villages...is this not what greenbelt is there to prevent.

Then of course they want to build right up to the designated ancient woodlands and cause them irreparable harm. National standard is 50m, even in Yorkshire!! Woodland trust say 50m. Vivly obviously say 10m. Outrageous. Their wildlife report ignores the wildlife. Come meet me, I will show you the hedgehogs, the foxes, the hairy ants, the bats and of course our beautiful deer that fawn in that field every year and the villagers in the know try not to make too public to protect their habitat.

No doctors. No public services. Too much traffic already. But you already know all that...

You say you need houses. Use the ones that are there. Thousands of them. And finally, the Labour Mayor of West Yorkshire recently went on record (fact) in a workshop stating...she did not want building on green belt land when other options are available.

Well, other options are available. Be brave. Be a progressive council and stop this greenbelt erosion and force developers to improve sites in need of regeneration instead destroying sites of natural beauty...did I mention the uninterrupted view from Birds Edge to Cumberworth village? Strange how they want to put big houses in the middle of bungalows.

I'm a pensioner, I will be dead soon. And then the cycle continues and someone else buys my house.