

AN OBJECTION IN THE STRONGEST TERMS! Up to 2026 I have lived in the "village" of Upper Cumberworth for 10 years. Being 36 I believe I am young enough to be considered young, the demographic that Vivly said they were seeking to respond....even though they never answered their telephones on their sham of a consultation process.

an increase of 123 houses will not only destroy the village as a village, it will change the entire character of the area forever.

The sewage and water system around the proposed site already can not cope.

Constant sewage purges into the woodland. Trucks from Yorkshire Water having to enter the fields - how do I know? because they have knocked my walls down several times. The pipework on Barnsley Rd and in the field in question is constantly bursting. The system can not cope.

The proposed buildings are to within 10m of the designated ancient woodland. Utterly unacceptable. National standard across most councils and the woodland trust is 50m..any closer and it will cause irreparable damage to the woodland and its structure, including the neolithic buildings. Talking of which, its absolutely not acceptable that any work is allowed to be carried out until we know there are no ancient monuments in that field. Without this it will cause destruction of our heritage.

The biodiversity of this area is recognised as vital by Kirklees in their policy statements and as such, it should as be recognised by planning. Building in this field such a monumental estate taking many years will decimate the wildlife that we have in the woods and field. Deer. Hedgehogs. The bats which we watch doing their route every night. Foxes. Hairy ants - which are a very important colony. Habitats will be destroyed. For the last ten years I have enjoyed the views of the countryside, the views from the top side, Birds Edge end, of Park Lane which looks across grassland, tracks, farm buildings & all the way over to Upper Cumberworth church. This vista is highly treasured by everyone in the area and those that come from outside to walk their dogs. This development will destroy this.

We already live on the cusp of one of the worst road black spots inKirklees as well as the rat run that Carr Hill rd has become PLUS the traffic from the quarry about to start. Just the vastly increased traffic is enough to object on. The crumbling road with no footpath and a non existent public transport system even though for some reason Denby Dale train station is pushed as being vital - but not used by anyone because its unreliable and dangerous to get there on foot.

If you want to destroy the character of your HD8 villages, this is the way.