

DC Admin

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Dear Sirs,

It is with great regret that I have come across this application. It is my opinion that:

It is another example of "urban sprawl" which impinges upon designated GREEN BELT and with all that which it entails. I can understand that people would like to live in the countryside but this type of development DESTROYS that very thing. The rural character of the area would be lost forever.

Not only would the development affect the wildlife in the fields and adjacent ancient woodland but would affect access to these areas. Whilst I accept the principle that people should come first, consideration should be given to the loss of vital habitats when development takes place in designated Green Belt rural areas when other options are available.

We want our children & grandchildren to leave their screens occasionally and exercise in the open air away from unhealthy road fumes & traffic risks and experience the natural world in places such as that woodland. It is a local, well used amenity, enjoyed by young and old, and whose importance can not be over emphasised.

Barnsley Road, the A635, is already quite a busy road. At peak times, for instance, the Star Inn junction is congested by parents' cars dropping off their children at the local school on Cumberworth Lane. In the evening rush period Carr Hill Road acts as a "rat run" to avoid the long delays at the perilous cross roads by the "Sovereign". This indicates that there is already plenty of local and passing traffic in the area which would be exacerbated by that from 123 more households trying to gain access onto that road. The government's UK National Statistics estimates that this number would mean another 160 cars making 158,000 extra journeys/ annum on that road. How much more of a risk of accidents does that pose for our children trying to cross the road to access the bus stop at school time?

Dropping 123 more families into Cumberworth in one foul swoop would overwhelm the local facilities, infrastructure and amenities.

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