

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>I strongly object to the proposed development for 125 houses being built on this designated prime Green Belt site, which has not been assigned as building land. The scale of the development also represents inappropriate expansion that will increase the size of our small village by a third!</p> <p>The proposal would also result in permanent loss of the ecosystem, habitats and wildlife that this land nurtures. The site would sit on the edge of Upper Dearne Valley Woods, Ancient Woodland. The NPPF affords strong protection to irreplaceable habitats such as Ancient Woodland and states that development resulting in their loss or deterioration should be refused as it is totally unnecessary to destroy this part of the countryside.</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>There are longstanding issues with antiquated water/sewer structure on Barnsley Road, near to the proposed site. There has been multiple burst mains and service failures over the last few years, leading to repeated disruption, closures and damage to the road surface. The sewer system leaks foul smelling discharge in heavy rain. This indicates existing infrastructure is already under strain. The proposal provides no strong evidence that water supply and drainage networks have the capacity to accommodate the significant additional demand from 123 homes. There is also an ongoing problem with water running down the Bromley Farm site into Barnsley Road.</p> <p>Public transport is poor and there are no amenities in the village, other than the Post Office.</p> <p>Traffic – Barnsley Road</p> <p>Vivly had the daytime traffic survey done on a, Thursday, a day that Bromley Farm Recycling centre is closed. It needs factoring in that the recycling site brings 100s of vehicles daily into the village. Plus, there's going to be 100s of heavy laden trucks thundering up and down this fast flowing 40mph road daily, due to Kirklees approving the recent planning application for the Quarry. This alone is going to be detrimental to the village, environment and resident's health. This development could potentially add</p>	

the village, environment and residents health. This development could potentially add an additional 200+ vehicles, plus their deliveries daily through the village.

The new proposed pedestrian crossing, situated between the Bromley Farm site and the development will create further noise pollution due to wagons heavy braking going down and engines revving coming up the road.

Traffic - Cumberworth Road, Dearnfield/Hollybank - Ongoing Major Parking Issues
Cumberworth school does not have any staff parking (possibly the only school in Kirklees that doesn't) consequently residents on Cumberworth Lane, the top of Dearnfield/Hollybank Avenue are already suffering longstanding chronic traffic/parking problems, which have been reported to Kirklees Council on many occasions.
Cumberworth Lane, which is 30mph around the school, has also become a cut through for the heavy Barden Freight wagons travelling to/from their distribution site in Lower Cumberworth. Schools should be in clean air zones. The proposed footpath to/from the site, via Barnsley Road, would involve walking up the main road and having to cross Carr Hill Road junction to get to the pedestrian crossing, which will be hazardous. Due to this and the scale of the development site, it's probable that people will drive their children to school etc.

The green belt in HD8 is being desecrated. Shepley, Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale have all had massive new developments in recent years and there are still many planning applications pending for more. All these villages share the same services, GP Surgeries, dentist and other services which are already under massive pressures.

New developments have also increased crime in the area.

Kirklees Council must consider the environmental impact all these new build estates are loading onto the infrastructure, services etc. There are no signs that Kirklees Council are making any investments in the HD8 area to compensate.

Vivly -

Contrary to what George Butterfield has been saying to the media, they have never made no attempt to meet with the residents of Cumberworth to discuss this development. Clearly, they have no integrity!

Please save God's own countryside and refuse this application.