



Referring to the proposed application number above, I object for following reasons:

It would be changing the floorspace of this non residential greenfield, which in the past has been used to grow crops, and would also change natural landscape.

Natural water supply running diagonally down field serving ancient woodland. Proposal would have impact and the biodiversity would suffer greatly, indeed the ditch at low point of site and existence of such has not been mentioned in the application.

The field itself attracts many different species, including deer, badger and fox, which would be destroyed due to change of use. There would be no biodiversity net gain for this land, which is a legal requirement for any new development.

The ancient woodland is home to an array of species, including the Northern Hairy Wood Ant, but some habitats would be destroyed around the edge of the woodland, and there would obviously be noise disturbance during and after the development. Furthermore the buffer zone on the south eastern boundary would legally require a minimum of thirty to fifty metres, but only 15 metres is shown on the plan.

The field is an archaeological site, and if the proposal is granted then the site would require the appropriate services to investigate what lies beneath.

The main water supply located on that site is regularly broken, resulting in localised flooding and standing water. If the development goes ahead it will not cope, as the infrastructure is very old and not fit for 2026. There has recently been a sewage overflow and Yorkshire Water could not get their vehicle anywhere near.

Upper Cumberworth is a small village, and new housing on this scale would have a detrimental impact to existing services, and inevitable increase in traffic, which already is chaotic.

I object to further pressure being put on this small community.