

I STRONGLY OBJECT to the proposed development of 123 houses in Upper Cumberworth...bordering the Ancient Woodland including Stephen Wood for the following reasons:

* the proposed new housing area would be on Green belt land...as outlined in the adopted Kirklees south east Local plan 27 February 2019.

*building on this Green belt will destroy the rural character of the village and severely impact on the life of local people and the many many visitors who come to this picturesque area to walk, spot wildlife, bird watching, socialise with family and friends, and use the area to improve their mental health as well as their physical health. The village has been a conservation area for Kirklees Council for more than 30 yrs.

*the village has 390 houses..and an increase of another 123.. approximately one third more...will without doubt cause massive strain and stress on the local infrastructure..ie doctors, school, dentists. Doctor and dentist appointments already difficult to get..and local schools are over subscribed already.

* the road through the village..and close by junctions..will see a massive increase in traffic on already busy roads. More accidents and delays will occur. Safety of pedestrians crossing the main road also *will be affected..including children going to the local school, and people using the post office and shop.

* The natural environment of this specific area of fields will be dramatically affected... natural environments of many species of wildlife destroyed...eg, sheep grazing on the farm land, deer and their young, badgers, hedgehogs, newts, bats, birds, many small mammals, to name a few.

* The trees in the proposed area will be severely affected..some of the trees have inhabited that area since the 1600's....and provide so much to the area, the landscape will be totally ruined in so many ways.

* Drainage from the site will negatively affect the Ancient Woodland it borders as it runs into the area and the stream.

* the proposed area of development has been a very important place to us as a family with elderly parents living there, and children, and grand children loving exploring this amazing natural area in all its glory

* impact on older and vulnerable villagers, noise ,loss of privacy, construction disruption will hit these people very hard.