



I wish to strongly object to the proposed housing development off Barnsley Road.

1. The site is designated Green Belt, and should consent be given, then this area would be lost forever. It would never be “green” again. It is an area used by many people for outdoor walks to appreciate the local wildlife, the woodland and the general countryside away from the traffic and associated noise.

2. The Kirklees Local Plan has not identified this site for development. Even though Kirklees has not met the Government’s housing target, why is the Developer proposing this site instead of other sites, particularly “brownfield” sites?

3. The proposal suggests it is catering for the unmet need for affordable housing in Kirklees. Looking at other Vivly developments, I would be surprised if many of these properties will be in the price range for first time buyers.

4. Local services and facilities will not be able to cope with the additional people, even though the Draft VIA Travel Plan seems to suggest that walking, cycling and public transport (bus and train) links will all be more than suitable for those commuting to work or school. I would beg to differ. If the National Planning Policy Framework has an emphasis on reducing reliance on car travel, then why does the developer want to build on the edge of this village where there are few jobs and even less acceptable public transport links?

5. The upsurge in traffic is inevitable, increasing safety concerns at the local junctions with Barnsley Road, as well as at the junction of Carr Hill Road and Penistone Road. Carr Hill Road will become more of a “rat run”, and this is a road without pavements along the majority of its length. Increased traffic also brings with it increased noise and pollution.

6. The Broadgrove Planning document mentions that “long term visual effects of the development to receptors i.e. people, will be minor/minor moderate once the landscape mitigation has fully matured”. Will that be 5 years or 25 years? I would rather see mature trees and hedges now rather than in 25 years’ time.