

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	
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<p>I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 123 houses on Green Belt land between Park Lane and Barnsley Road in Upper Cumberworth.</p> <p>Although I do not currently reside within the village itself, I have close family who live locally and I travel through this area every day. This landscape forms a meaningful and recognisable gateway to the village and surrounding countryside. The open field and the prominent tree along the roadside are deeply associated with a sense of arrival and identity for Upper Cumberworth. Each time I pass, it is a visual reminder that I am home, and I know this sentiment is shared by many who live in and around the area.</p> <p>Beyond its personal significance, this land plays an important role in maintaining the rural character and setting of the village. The proposed scale of development, 123 houses, would represent a substantial and irreversible change to the landscape. It would erode the openness that Green Belt designation is intended to protect and would fundamentally alter the character of Upper Cumberworth from a rural village to something far more suburban in nature.</p> <p>The field and adjoining woodland are also valued spaces for recreation and wellbeing. I regularly walk in the woodland bordering the site, and it provides a peaceful natural environment that supports both mental wellbeing and local biodiversity. The loss of this green space would remove an important area for walking, reflection, and connection to nature for residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Approving this development would set a concerning precedent for further encroachment onto Green Belt land and would permanently change the character and setting of the village. Once this landscape is built on, it cannot be restored.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to refuse this application and to protect the Green Belt, the natural beauty of the area, and the distinctive rural character of Upper Cumberworth for current and future generations.</p>	