

DC Admin

Sent: 13 February 2026 20:08
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection: Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

To who it may concern,

I believe the proposed housing development would be a detriment to the local area. Foremost, it would be built over green built land. This is not only destructive to local flora and fauna, but this area of green belt is the site of many walks and views enjoyed by Upper Cumberworth locals and would be a huge shame to be taken from the community. The proposed development has not been granted exemption for appropriate green belt development.

Secondly, I am very concerned about the additional traffic in the area. The developers have proposed 123 new houses, all of which will have between 1 and 2 cars. The congestion and overall state of the roads in this area of Kirklees is already a serious problem. In particular, Sovereign Junction is congested at almost all hours of the day and is extremely hazardous. Car accidents and even deaths are not uncommon here and this is only 1 mile from the site. Furthermore, Cumberworth road is less than half a mile from the site and is already too tight to fit two cars going opposing ways, and many vehicles drive down this road at extremely dangerous speeds. I believe a potential additional 300 cars in these already congested areas would be extremely dangerous.

Finally, I am concerned about the effects on drainage and water supply issues. Half a mile downhill of the site is Denby Dale which is extremely liable to flooding already, with many homes and businesses being seriously damaged during heavy rainfall. With so much additional runoff from a full scale housing development I believe more frequent or more severe flooding in Denby Dale could cause fatal damage to homes and businesses, particularly in the Springfield Mill complex. My concern around the water supply issue is that already local infrastructure cannot keep up with the demand of existing homes and businesses and I am very concerned how this would be affected by the proposed additional housing.

Kind regards