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To: DC Admin
Subject: Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

I object to the building of new houses on a green belt field in Upper Cumberworth.

The building of these houses is not within the Kirklees development plan. Cumberworth is a rural village and a large modern housing estate is not in keeping with the surroundings. The charm of the village is its small size and beautiful countryside views which will be destroyed forever if this development goes ahead.

This field is used for animal feed. If yet another green field is taken over by buildings, that is less food for the animals and ultimately less British meat being produced which over time has significant economical consequences.

The field is home to a wide variety of animals and insects. Deer have been seen roaming in these fields. Building here reduces their available habitat.

The physical building of these houses will have a detrimental effect on the air quality in Cumberworth, noise pollution and no doubt contamination of the waterways as run off is bound to reach the stream in the ancient woodland.

Barnsley road is already busy enough, further houses will mean increased traffic (as there are no job opportunities within the village and public transport links are poor, making car journeys inevitable). There is already concern regarding the Sovereign crossroads being an accident hotspot, more traffic on this road will only make this problem worse. There will undoubtedly be additional traffic going up and down Carr Hill road, where there is no pavement, yet people regularly walk this road and this will put pedestrians at risk. In addition to this, the quarry will soon be active again, further reducing the air quality and increasing traffic.

The village school is small and there would not be the capacity for all the children from the village to attend the local school.

I have concern regarding whether the water system would be able to cope, there seems to be water leaks being repaired on a monthly basis, adding to the strain is only going to make for further problems.