

Address: 132, Hawthorne Way, Huddersfield, hd88px

### 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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>I wish to object to this outline application for up to 123 dwellings.</p> <p>The site lies within designated Green Belt and the proposal constitutes inappropriate development. It would result in significant loss of openness, encroachment into the countryside and harm to the rural character of Upper Cumberworth. No very special circumstances have been demonstrated that clearly outweigh this harm.</p> <p>The site is outside the defined settlement boundary and is not allocated for housing in the adopted Local Plan. Approving this proposal would conflict with the plan-led spatial strategy and undermine Green Belt protection.</p> <p>There are serious highway safety concerns. Barnsley Road is a fast, heavily trafficked route with limited pedestrian infrastructure and feeds into known accident-prone junctions. A development of 123 homes would materially increase traffic movements and congestion. The application does not demonstrate that impacts can be safely mitigated.</p> <p>Local infrastructure is already under strain. There have been repeated water main failures along Barnsley Road, indicating limited capacity. The proposal provides no clear evidence that water, drainage and other utilities can accommodate this scale of development. Local GP surgeries are also already operating at capacity, and no firm mitigation is demonstrated.</p> <p>The development would suburbanise open countryside, harm landscape character and erode the identity of Upper Cumberworth. It also lies close to Ancient Woodland, and insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that indirect impacts can be avoided.</p> <p>Taken together, the proposal conflicts with national and local planning policy and would cause significant harm that outweighs any benefits. It should therefore be refused.</p>	