

Address: 12, Wells Mount, Huddersfield, HD8 8XQ

### 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 object to the proposed plans for the housing development for the following reasons:</p> <p>The development would spoil the rural nature of Upper Cumberworth, its peaceful and quiet ambience. Most residents enjoy the rural surroundings and quiet life and do not want this spoiled by building so many houses. Upper Cumberworth presently has 370 houses and building another 123 means an increase of 33% which well above national accepted norms.</p> <p>The development is in a Green Belt area and should not be used for residential or commercial developments, additionally it has not been registered on Kirklees future development plans. The proposed development would result in the permanent loss of undeveloped countryside which is contrary to the principle of sustainable development and protection as set out in planning policy.</p> <p>The Ancient Woodland is home to an established and diverse range of wild animals ( Foxes, Deer, Amphibians and Bats), trees and fauna and it would be detrimental to their habit to develop the adjoining site. The impact of building noise, polluted/brown water runoff and atmospheric pollution would have a severe detrimental effect on this ancient ecology.</p> <p>Additionally the Ancient Woodland (Stephen Wood) and Park Dike is feed by springs whose water stems from the area proposed for development, new ground works construction will prevent this spring water runoff from reaching the woodland trees and plants causing them to suffer and wilt in hotter weather</p> <p>The increase in people walking in the woodland would also have a detrimental effect on the ecology of the woodlands and older trees especially those with preservation orders.</p> <p>Currently the village infrastructure is struggling to meet the demands of its existing</p>	

resident and would not be able to cope with the extra demand imposed by the addition of such a large development. The electrical supply already suffers with voltage drop during high demand periods, water supply pressure in some parts of the village is extremely low and wastewater system barely copes with the transport of sewage and brown water. All this would be worsened by the demand from this development.

The volume of traffic and HGV's on Barnsley Road is already high and adding to it by new residents travelling at peak times will make conditions unsafe, increase accidents, pollution and noise pollution. Smaller roads that adjoin Barnsley Road are not capable of accommodating this increase safely with many having poor visibility and no pedestrian pavements. Additionally Kirklees has approved plans for another quarry which is opposite to the proposed housing development entrance which will result in a further 120 HGV's using Barnsley Road making it even more congested and prone to accidents.

We understand that a percentage of the proposed build is for social housing, since there is very little employment, shops and school places available in the area then these residents will have to rely on their own or public transport to reach work and facilities. Public transport is sparse in our area, better to build in an area that has these facilities.