



I would like to state my objections to this application.

My first reason for objection is it's proximity to the ancient woodland and impact on local ecosystems. This development would do irreparable damage to wildlife and the environment. The land is designated greenbelt land which is not included in the local plan for housing provision. The land is an invaluable resource for wildlife. In addition to this the proposed buffer to the adjacent ancient woodland is not enough to prevent damage to that area too, a view which is supported by Forestry England, who's advice is that there should be a 50 meter buffer between any development and ancient woodlands.

The impact on local roads, would be too much. The development would add as many as 158,000 car journeys (Office for National Statistics) to roads that already have high accident rates – for example at the Sovereign junction. There is very limited employment within the village, and public transport is limited. For example – I am lucky enough to work only 4 miles from the village, but public transport is not viable as it would take me an hour and a half to my place of work via that method. The vast majority of the people living in the new houses would need to travel by car daily. Extra air pollution, noise from the car journeys and run off from the roads into the ancient woodland would impact the biodiversity in the area and adversely impact notable and protected species such as bats and birds of prey. Issues around parking outside the local school and post office would add to risks around the junction of Barnsley Road and Cumberworth Lane, which will already have an extra 100 lorry movements per day from the quarry development.

The extra housing in this location is not needed. There is currently a high number of affordable houses available for sale in the area, including older empty houses and new stock from nearby developments which hasn't sold. There is no demand for this development.

To increase the number of houses in the village by almost a third is ill thought out. The community and local services would be adversely impacted. We already see regular run off from dirty water systems, which then runs through the ancient woodland and into the river Dearn. The clean water system also cannot cope. Leaks which have had to be remedied over and over again impact local residents regularly. Access to doctors, dentists and opticians is limited in this area, with for example, the nearest doctors surgery being 2.5km away and having restricted opening hours.

The character of the village would be adversely impacted by the huge increase in buildings and population. The loss of rural landscape and impact to heritage sites would lead to the loss of the identity of the village.