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Objection to Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

I wish to object strongly to the application to develop green belt land for housing at Cumberworth. This site is not in the Local Plan, which is still under review, therefore no decisions about development should be made at this premature stage.

The site is immediately next to ancient woodland which should be preserved, in line with national policy and with the preservation of irreplaceable habitats and biodiversity. We should not be causing danger to protected species by flouting national policy.

As well as destroying natural habitat, housing development would also destroy the character of the area, spoiling the views of the landscape, resulting in a loss of identity for the village.

A further increase in traffic would cause an increase in the likelihood of more accidents on the already busy A635.

There is already a problem with water pressure in the area being inadequate. There are currently problems with the Victorian sewer capacity and with drainage. The old systems would not cope with any further demand.

There are no local services nearby and limited transport options – meaning people would have to use their cars which goes against national policy to encourage people out of their cars.

Broadband speed is poor in the area and would become even worse with more people using it. Current residents would be affected detrimentally.