



I would like to formally object to the proposed development within Upper Cumberworth. I do this for the following reasons:

1. Ecological concerns: The proposed site is adjacent to ancient woodland which supports a wide variety of important flora and fauna. I have personally seen deer, hares, birds of prey and migratory geese utilising the proposed development site. I have also witnessed foxes, squirrels, wood ants, to name but a few, in and around the woodland. This proposal would cause habitat loss, food source loss, disturbance and ultimately the loss of biodiversity and notable species. The development would result in trauma to ancient woodland, which is an irreplaceable environment and one which is vital to my personal mental well-being.

2. Traffic concerns: At peak times of the day road traffic can be seen tailing back from The Sovereign junction, almost into the village itself. This is a well-known accident blackspot, as are the junctions at the top and bottom of Carr Hill Road. The proposed addition of 123 houses would only serve to increase this traffic, both during construction and afterwards. An increase in traffic would raise the chances of more road traffic accidents in the future.

3. Loss of Green Belt land: The proposed site is designated as Green Belt land in the adopted local plan. There have to be alternative Brown Field sites to consider in the region. I do not accept the logic for building on a Green Belt site which would ruin the identity of a rural village and its green setting.

4. Impact on local services: Upper Cumberworth has limited facilities, having just one pub, one Post Office, a church and a primary school. An extra 123 houses, and their occupants, would quickly overload the already lacking local amenities.

5. Impact on local utilities: The water supplies and sewer network in the village are evidently already overstressed. Barnsley Road is frequently subjected to burst water mains and the utility companies are often having to dig up the road. The addition of 123 house would only serve to exacerbate these problems.

It is for the above reasons that I wish to object to the planned development in the village and I trust you will take these, and the objections of other residents, truly into account.