

Address: 3A, Thornes Fold, Huddersfield, HD8 0ND

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>Background knowledge - I lived in a property for over 11 years that bordered directly next to the proposed development site and also adjacent to the ancient woodland.</p> <p>No 1 - Infrastructure -</p> <p>Barnsley Road Drainage adjacent to proposed site - Heavy rain causes the man holes to lift up during heavy rain, I mean actually up and off the opening, creating a major road hazard. Such was the torrent at times it caused a run off down our driveway and flooded the garden. Images are available if required.</p> <p>Traffic - Barnsley road in the proposed area has always been busy and dangerous. The Sovereign junction is a notorious accident spot, in local headlines this past year for the amount of accidents, the highways stats are not up to date, but the local fire station certainly is aware of its notoriety. Additional houses would compound this and cause rat run traffic through other local country lanes.</p> <p>School - it wasn't coping with additional pupils 15 years ago, I'm guessing the development would add another potential 60 plus pupils. Possibly doubling the school's capacity!</p> <p>Transport / Local Community - Denby Dale Village centre is 1.4 miles from the proposed site, that's a good 34 minute walk. Buses are infrequent. The Rail Station is 1 mile away.</p> <p>If you require services for Dr's, Dentists, food shopping then you have to wait or walk.</p> <p>No 2 - Environmental Impact - Loss of Greenbelt Land</p> <p>Whilst living in the property bordering the proposed development site and ancient woodland, we had required a bat survey pre development. We had a large colony of Pipistral Bats, but also in the roof space we had Long Eared Bats. Which we know are</p>	

very protected and should be!

This Ancient Woodland and surrounding fields have an emotional heart within the community. It's a place of calm reflection for many in a difficult world, it's a spiritual place too, somewhere you'd go to propose, grieve, cry, get strength.

No 3 A SOLUTION

On Feb 11th 2026 Kirklees Cllr John Taylor wrote the following on Facebook:

This afternoon has been environment and climate change scrutiny committee looking at our approach to flood management and also our plans to increase tree coverage across Kirklees under the White Rose Forest Scheme. Given the recent rainfall this felt a very relevant discussion.

<https://whiteroseforest.org/>

The White Rose Forest Strategic Plan 2025-2050 is the long-term tree and woodland strategy for North and West Yorkshire. The plan has been approved by the White Rose Forest board, which includes all local authorities.

Would the proposed development site not fit perfectly with your council's needs to find a suitable location to increase tree coverage and reduce the flood risk too.