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Subject: Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

I am objecting to the outlined planning permission 2025/60/93572/E

I object to any building on this prime Green belt land. The location in question 2025/60/93572/E is prime arable land. There are several locations within Huddersfield that are more suitable for building on.

This land directly borders the most beautiful ancient woodland, which is currently habitat to a variety of important animals, insects, bats and many species of birds.

There should be a 50 meter buffer zone from the border of the ancient woodland to any building of new dwellings or structures to protect all natural irreplaceable habitats that are afforded the highest level of protection in the national policy.

Kirklees council's own biodiversity policy says it aims to protect, enhance and restore natural habitats through strict planning regulations, including mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for New developments.

Upper Cumberworth woods are home to the Hairy Wood Ant (*Formica Lugubris*) which only resides in 14% of woodlands throughout the UK. Other species of wild flowers, mammals, birds and insects reside here throughout the seasons and many rely on the proposed site and surrounding fields to survive. For example the foxes, owls and other creatures hunt for mice and other food sources in the fields at night.

Bats can be seen on a regular basis flying over the area, above properties and in and out the fields and ancient woodlands.

The Village of Upper cumberworth currently has around 390 homes in the rural village location, the local infrastructure is not in a position to cope with a population increase by well over a third.

The site has been having drainage issues for many years and has recently leaked raw sewage in to the ancient woodlands. This proposed site has 3 protected trees, which are not on the outline planning permission. They should have been included on the plans as they are protected. The removal of these trees would lead to further water / drainage issues as each one of those trees will soak up between 30-40 thousand gallons of water each year.

There are limited local amenities in the village and there are no doctors, dentists etc.. This would lead to a further shortage in the surrounding areas that are already struggling.

Carr Hill Road is a very dangerous road, when trying to cross over as a pedestrian from one side of the road to the other, this is due to the amount of through traffic coming from Barnsley Road at speed.

The majority of Carr Hill Road has no footpaths making this a dangerous road for pedestrians, due to the amount of through traffic of cars and commercial vehicles that will get worse with a higher population.

There are quite often road traffic accidents at the crossroads of Barnsley Road, Carr Hill Road and Cumberworth Lane. On several occasions, over many years there have been accidents where neighbouring houses have had their dry stone walls knocked down on impact and it has also caused damage to telegraph poles, street signs and speed signs.

The proposal shows an increase of 123 homes. This will increase the number of cars in the village with a probability of an extra 2 cars per household on average. Which may lead to an extra 246 cars plus on the rural roads.

Recently there has been recurring problems with burst water pipes and sewerage issues on Barnsley Road and other locations in the village. The existing water and sewerage pipes may not be able to cope with a further 123 houses entering the outdated, existing water and drainage systems. This old infrastructure was not designed to cope with such a high population when it was built and this could cause serious issues. There is evidence that there are existing drainage and sewer capacity issues which may be exacerbated by any further developments.

The local bus services are not frequent enough to support a higher population.

The building of a large housing development would damage the designated and non-designated heritage of the village and it's local assets, This would include archaeological remains and also damage the Upper Cumberworth conservation area.

The development would significantly change the character of the village and surrounding areas. It would dramatically change the beautiful rural landscape which has and is enjoyed by both local residents and other people coming from the surrounding areas to take advantage of our local paths, woodlands and unspoilt countryside.

For many years, four generations of my family have enjoyed walking and playing in the ancient woodlands: playing in the streams, pond dipping and discovering the local habitat in one of the most beautiful woodlands in Huddersfield. It has also been enjoyed by our pet dogs throughout the years, playing in the stream, playing hide and seek in the trees and walking the footpaths. It has also become a great place to meet up with other dog walkers and share the woodlands and all it has to offer.

I am a life member of Huddersfield Ramblers and have been for the last 30+ years. I have walked the majority of countryside paths in Huddersfield. The greatest asset we have in Huddersfield is the beautiful unspoilt countryside and woodlands and it should be left wherever possible for future generations of both people and animals to enjoy. Once these assets have been destroyed, we have lost them forever and so nature.

The proposed site entrance for the development is in a very dangerous part of the already extremely busy Barnsley Road. It is on a section of road which already has a very high volume of traffic, including large quarry vehicles, passing regularly throughout the day, people constantly using the refuse site, as well as local farm vehicles using Barnsley Road.