



I object to the proposed development of 123 houses on greenbelt land in the village of Upper Cumberworth where I lived for the first 22 years of my life. It is a small country village with beautiful woods and surrounding landscape.

The site is not in the Kirklees local Plan. It would mean loss of land that is currently used for farming.

There are many alternative brown field sites included in the Local Plan which should be developed instead.

A development of this size would be out of place and would change the nature of the environment forever.

The drains, sewers and water supply for the village are already overloaded. This situation would be worsened by so many new houses.

The woods behind the proposed site are very special. They are protected Ancient Woodland and would be negatively impacted by 123 houses so close. I have seen deer in the woods when walking. The habitat exists because it is quiet and isolated. A large housing development would destroy this habitat.

Barnsley Road is extremely busy and the junction immediately above the proposed site, with Cumberworth Lane and Carr Hill Road, is a dangerous one. Drivers often speed through the 40mph limit, lighting up the speed detector sign. Cars from 123 new houses would have a large negative effect on the road and safety for all users.

Very few of the proposed houses are suitable for young people from the village like myself to buy.

Given the rural setting and considerations above, this planning proposal is not sustainable.

Kirklees Council should reject this application.