

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	
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<p>Please accept this as my written objection to the application for dwellings as set out in this application for the following reasons:</p> <p>It is outside the exceptions of the Local Plan for Green belt development.</p> <p>Loss of habitat on green belt land and ancient woodlands, due to disturbance of building work for many months and desecration of rural landscapes and farming land, reducing local provision of crops.</p> <p>Sustainability of Local infrastructure Cumberworth school cannot maintain the amount of new pupils which the housing would generate, necessitating unnecessary travel and traffic to other local schools, which also may not have capacity. Scissett Middle and Shelley High may also incur similar issues especially with the amount of planning applications in the HD8 areas for new housing.</p> <p>Skelmanthorpe Health Centre being the closest health provision, may take new patients, but in trying to obtain appointments both routine or emergency this is already taking several weeks in some cases.</p> <p>Barnsley Road is notoriously busy not only at peak times but more so around the usual morning/evening rush hours. I have lived in Upper Cumberworth for over 20 years and have seen and experienced many near misses at the Star Junction and also seen the aftermath of accidents. It literally is sometimes like running the gauntlet to exit from both sides of the junction but especially from Carr Hill Road where vision to the right is limited. The amount of traffic which would be increased following the full capacity of this development would increase these risks immeasurably. The pedestrian crossing is used to alleviate risk for the school but I have known traffic dash through the red light. Also there is the consideration of the recent approvals of HGVs exiting from Bromley Farm refuse centre - 120 journeys per day agreed- the Sovereign junction which sees many accidents will again have an increase in accidents and risk.</p>	

On the plans, the creation of a small stretch of a cycle lane does not seem beneficial or practical when the existing stretches of road before and after this are dangerous for cyclists.

The development would inevitably increase traffic on Carr Hill Road already used as a rat run/ cut through to Penistone Road or avoidance of the Sovereign junction, most of this road has no pavements. I regularly, with my family, walk on this road and it is treacherous in the dark or on the stretches without a path.

We have encountered several burst water mains on Barnsley Road just above the designated development site with again severe disturbance to traffic but the problem seems to keep reoccurring.

Consultation documents mention a possible archaeological site which could cause loss of historical heritage.

I enjoy and chose to live in this part of Huddersfield because of its location and rural surroundings, I and my (extended) family walk daily in the surrounding fields enjoying the variation of wildlife and landscape. We rightly have in this country laws that protect our countryside for the well-being of many who choose to live in such areas, rather than urban living which others may prefer. I would hope that these considerations will prove that this is not the area for a large development with a lack of necessary amenities, and especially consider the significant highway safety. Going against these protections would incur even more problems for such a small community and tragic loss of the natural landscape

Thankyou for your consideration of these objections.