

Address: 8, Dearnfield, Huddersfield, hd88nx

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>I wish to strongly object to this speculative ,premature application to build on designated green belt land that has not been included in the current Local Plan.</p> <p>The application is at odds with LP2 Place Shaping, LP 20 Sustainable Travel, LP28 Drainage and Waste Water Infrastructure,LP30 Biodiversity and Ancient Woodland preservation and LP32 Landscape.</p> <p>The LP2 requirement that all development proposals must protect and enhance the qualities which contribute to the character of those places is not met. The main quality of the small village of Upper Cumberworth is its openness of vista with the open landscape views from both the Barnsley Road and Birds Edge viewpoints. The proposed 123 housing units being proposed on farmed agricultural greenbelt land would represent nearly a one third increase to housing in the village. This cannot by any stretch of the English language be considered as a protection or enhancement as it is entirely disproportionate to the size of the existing settlement. The effect on the landscape would be a permanent disfigurement and the proposal will fail LP32 and the landscape character of the area.</p> <p>LP20 requires development to be located to ensure essential travel needs can be met by forms of sustainable transport other than private car, located close to local facilities. The village has one pub, one post office and a church. That's it. No others. I have found myself at odds with the Travel Plan put forward in support which in one matrix puts Denby Dale and the Co-op garage within 1000m whist a quick google maps search shows 1700m and 1600m. A footpath alleged to be between 1.5 and 2m wide runs on the north side of the proposal to Denby Dale creating a "range of destinations" by foot (I don't believe this to be entirely accurate). The trains are allegedly "high frequency" at one per hour- as are the bus services. The plain fact is that the majority of travel will, by necessity, have to be conducted by car. The increase in traffic caused by 123 houses will increase the risk of accidents and add to the congestion around the Carr Hill/Cumberworth Lane and Sovereign crossroads. Again I do not recognise the calculations used showing of 10 inward and 10 outward additional journeys at morning</p>	

calculations used showing of 18 inward and 42 outward additional journeys at morning rush hour with the reverse at evening peak time especially when you consider that over 75% of travel in Kirklees Rural is by car. In short it is not a sustainable location.

LP28 states that development will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that the water supply and waste water infrastructure required is available to meet the new demand. Other detailed objections concerning the sewage and drainage cover the points to be raised and demonstrate the failure of the proposal to meet LP28.

LP30 demands that proposals having a direct or indirect adverse effect on Ancient Woodland will not be permitted unless the benefits clearly outweigh the need to safeguard the local conservation value. Other objections have covered in detail the potential effects of the proposed drainage /sewage on the Woodland as well as the totally inadequate 15m buffer zone proposed. I support all the objections made as to the potential effects this proposal will have on the Woodland and habitat and would ask that these are taken fully into consideration and given the great weight they deserve.

There are other reasons for rejecting this speculative application which in combination with the harm to landscape character, total unsuitability of sustainable location , the proven inadequacy of the current drainage / sewage system and the harm to the Ancient Woodland significantly and demonstrably outweigh any perceived benefit and I would strongly urge you to reject this proposal in its entirety.