

Address: 14, Wells Mount, Huddersfield, HD8 8XQ

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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I wish to object to this planning proposal on the following grounds:

The area in question is greenbelt land and the field on which 123 dwellings are proposed, is presently used to grow crops, and on which sheep are grazing. Deer are often to be seen, along with fox who frolic on the ground. Next to this field is ancient woodland with an array of species including northern hairy ants and an abundance of summer visitors, of which are not mentioned, as the area was inspected in March 2025 and when some species would still be in hibernation. Also not mentioned in the plan is that a natural spring flows diagonally through the field, which serves the trees, fauna and flora in this ancient woodland. The number of dwellings proposed, not to mention the change of use of the field, would alter the views, landscape and character of this small village. Notably the supporting Landscape and Visual Appraisal report gives but a token view and not referred to the current view.

The plan states a fifteen metre buffer zone would be left along the edge of the ancient woodland, when in fact the guidance is for thirty to fifty metres for such, and inevitably some trees would have to be removed, with habitats lost. Separation by the development isolates habitats and limits wildlife mobility. Further impact would be increased noise pollution, eg domestic noise plus noise from pets, and construction work. Excessive lighting, to include domestic lighting, obvious necessary street lighting, car headlights etc. add further detrimental impact to the nature of the ancient woodland. Air pollution from cars creates further negative impact.

There is already a big problem with water supply to existing dwellings, and calls to the necessary services are very regular with leaks and flooding. Water pressure is another issue. Indeed Yorkshire Water do not support the plan due to the network, as they state the existing infrastructure is ancient and cannot cope at this time let alone further strain being put on it. Sewage is another concern, and very recently there was spillage on the land, with necessary response vehicle unable to reach the desired area.

The land in question is also an archaeological site, and it is believed there will be items underneath that would have to be discovered first.

The village is small, with one post office, and no GP services, so therefore a car is a necessity, as buses are limited. The A629 road and A635 road, which meet at the Sovereign (Shepley) crossroads are already very congested, with regular occurrence of accidents, both there and the top of Carr Hill Road, Upper Cumberworth. More traffic would lead to further frustration. Barnsley Road would also suffer.

Government legislation states new developments should cause less traffic, and boost nature recovery. This plan does neither.