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I wish to make an objection to this planning application based on the following:

-The development is not part of Kirklees development plan. The development is not needed in the area. There is no industry and the housing will simply be for commuters moving into the area.

- Environmental impact. The development is to be built on greenbelt land which will directly impact the existing ecosystem of the field. The field itself is home to ancient trees. It borders an ancient woodland which is home to many species of flora and fauna including, but not limited to, indigenous trees, deer and bats. Impact on the build on the many water ways. The impact of additional pets, especially cats, roaming onto the woodland and killing wildlife will be significant. More cars and housing will directly add to particulate matter in the air affecting lichens as well as animal health.

-Rural area. The development would increase the size of the local village by approximately 1/3. The area is made of small villages at risk of merging into a town's suburbia completely changing the whole character of the area.

-Utilities. Upper Cumberworth already suffers from frequent electrical power cuts adding more housing risks exacerbating this issue. The water infrastructure is already beyond breaking point. We suffer frequent low pressure and there are several leaks every month resulting in many closed roads.

-Other amenities. The nearest doctors are all in other villages and it is very difficult to get appointments already.

- Transport infrastructure. The lack of public transport means new residents will be driving. The local roads already struggle to cope with the traffic. The Sovereign junction is already an accident black spot. Adding more traffic will equal more accidents. Carr Hill road is a pavementless rat run which will border the development. People already speed up here and the new development will simply add more cars to the issue making it down right dangerous for pedestrians. More cars pulling onto the straight stretch of Barnsley roads directly risks more accidents.

-landscape- this is a beautiful area, the housing development is not needed and I can see no justification for destroying this area of greenbelt.

Thank you