

Address: 12, 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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>Upper Cumberworth is essentially a small community whose residents are prepared to accept the lack of amenities to live somewhere rural and beautiful. It is situated high up on a north facing ridge, surrounding villagers always joke that it's "two coats colder" but enjoy to visit to walk and enjoy its beautiful views and lovely countryside. Green belt was created to preserve such places and prevent ribbon development destroying their identity.</p> <p>Services such as electricity, water and sewage barely cope with the existing number of dwellings and would need considerable improvement to manage a 33% increase.</p> <p>Public transport is very limited and although better access is available in Denby Dale the steepness of the hill and the narrowness of the pavement make this a difficult walk particularly during the winter. The limited buses are not scheduled to link with the train timetable.</p> <p>The field scheduled for development forms part of one of the areas greatest assets, its wonderful open views. These are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Its second asset is the ancient woodland. This and the surrounding farmland mean the area is home to a remarkably rich variety of flora and fauna. Building in this area could lead to a serious impact on the local environment. The planned development not only comes too close to the woodland but could affect the waterways within the wood. There would not only be the risk of pollution during the construction process but permanent damage to the water supply to the woods. During the recent summer drought Park Dyke was virtually dry as it entered the wood but re-emerged as a flowing stream after the section of the woods adjoining the field. This is the area where all the seasonal springs emerge in winter. Building in this area could not only disrupt the flow of water in the woods but result in problems in the buildings. The ecology in the field has taken years to evolve and cannot be replaced by a few saplings and patches of grass. It is an important link in the ecology of the the surrounding area which is not only important to all the flora and fauna but to the mental health of the many people who walk here.</p>	