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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached my reasons for objection to the above proposed planning.

Name -

Address -

I would like to be anonymous online, as I do not want my name and address published.

Please find enclosed my objections to the proposed planning of 123 houses in Upper Cumberworth –

1. Destruction of designated greenbelt, productive agricultural land, and does not fall within any exceptions for appropriate development. There is a local habitat of insects and wildlife which will be adversely affected by the proposed development. I often use the wood to walk and also go to the local stables, and the development would adversely affect the area, and thus my mental health. As a nature lover, the hairy wood ant has marked presence in the wood and is a particular highlight to the area. Other species would also be affected as the balance of the ecosystem will be disrupted by the development. This is not supportive of national policy and biodiversity net gain requirements. The woodland is ancient, with TPO's in existence, so also would be adversely affected by the development.
2. Highway - This development would also mean an extra 289 people and 160 cars, which would make the highway more dangerous. The pavement on only 1 side of the road on Barnsley Road is very dangerous, and school children are unsafe walking down the road. Myself as a school pupil, I have witnessed the road and every journey I feel unsafe and rush towards home, hoping nothing happens. The speed of the cars and narrowness of the pavement makes me very afraid. The crossroads at the Sovereign and Carr Hill Lane are already an accident hot spot, so with this increase in traffic, this will make the area more dangerous for road users and pedestrians. Access to Barnsley Road from the development and other access areas on the road, with it being a 40-mile limit, which I have first hand experience is frequently not observed, will also be increasing difficult and increase accident risks. The local bus and train services are

infrequent and poorly operated and would not negate the car use. Again I have first hand experience of frequent bus and train cancellations.

3. Yorkshire water – Being a resident on Barnsley Road, there are frequent issues with water pipework, blockages and capacity. To add the proposed development would also adversely affect the already at capacity services. The development and increase in concrete surfaces would also adversely affect water run off in the area increasing flood risk and affecting water sourcing the woodland. Our neighbours have had issues with a sewer collapse, and it took over 15 months to repair. Adding to the network will put further pressure on an already insufficient network. Again, I have first hand experience of seeing this affect the local traffic and services in the area with water pressure issues whilst having a shower.
4. Character of the landscape – The proposed views of the local countryside will be a blight on the landscape, if this development goes ahead. The area is a beautiful and will adversely affect the character and have a negative impact on the diversity of species in the area.
5. Harm to heritage assets – the area has a rich diverse of historical assets, and archaeological remains preserved in the field. Again, this would be subject to adverse effects if the development goes ahead.

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I hope you take the concerns raised seriously.

Yours faithfully,