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I would like to oppose the development of 123 houses in the village I have called home for over 40 years. I grew up here and have been able to raise my own family here, and I would like to think that future generations are able to grow and enjoy this beautiful landscape and environment.

A development of this size and magnitude would completely erode the character and identity of the village. The size of this development would increase the village by 30%+ and the present infrastructures would not be able to cope and withstand the pressures that would be put upon them.

The area is greenbelt land and should be safeguarded as such for future generations, as once these areas have been eaten up by any development they are lost forever. The land is productive agricultural land; with sheep feeding in it at present with the winter crops that have been grown, and during the summer months the field is harvested for winter feed for livestock. Greenbelt areas should be preserved and their habitats protected.

The field has a large water channel which runs down towards the woods providing the land with natural drainage. Concreting over this large field which absorbs a significant volume of water may well lead to serious flooding issues further downstream.

Building upon this part of the greenbelt would have significant impact upon the character and landscape of the area. The field provides open views across the villages in South Kirklees and the rural vistas you get when walking through the village will be irreparably harmed.

The area is extremely close to ancient woodland, which would be greatly impacted by the development. The development would impact the loss and deterioration of the habitat for both vegetation and wildlife. The planting of new trees to mitigate this destruction would not replace what will have been lost.

Building such a large development so close to the vicinity of the woodland would bring with it light and noise pollution, human activity including massively increasing traffic which would severely disrupt and impact upon the wildlife habitats found in this ancient woodland. Once these habitats are destroyed, they are a permanent loss to the ecology of the area.

The area has very limited facilities and is many miles from major towns and cities, public transport links are extremely poor in the area, meaning that it would be a necessity to have a car to get anywhere, so increasing the volume of traffic in the village. With limited pavements in the area the means walking around the village would become a more dangerous activity for pedestrians, school children and dog walkers, (of which I am) daily.

Traffic is already busy along the A635 and crossing can be dangerous as pavements are narrow and non-existent along one side, a development of this size would increase the number of cars and car journeys made daily, and the road which has limited crossing places would become even more difficult to cross.

Carr Hill Road is already used as a cut through between the A635 and A629 so that vehicles can avoid the busy and dangerous Sovereign junction. The speed that many vehicles travel through the village is dangerous and not within speed limits. The overreliance on cars from the development to get anywhere, would increase the amount of traffic using this route which in turn would increase the risk of walking in the area and having safe routes for pedestrians to get from one end of the village to the other. The local school maybe in walking distance from many homes in the village but when there are no safe walking routes for families people will use a car.

I feel that it is important that we should consider the destruction we are doing to our Green Belt land and make sure that the legacy we leave future generations with, is that we cared and thought about our environment for the next generations to come.