



I object to the proposed development in Upper Cumberworth.

It is on fertile agricultural green belt land adjacent to ancient woodlands which has an abundance of flora and fauna, bats, deer and birdlife including buzzards call these woodlands home. A development of this size and close proximity will have a detrimental effect upon the natural environment both during and long after the construction phase.

It will increase the volume of traffic on already busy main roads as well as narrow rural roads many of which have inadequate pedestrian infrastructure, unsafe poorly maintained and in some cases none existent.

The two main crossroads of Carr hill Road and the Sovereign Junction are already accident black spots, increased traffic from this development will increase the risk. The area is poorly served with regular public transport which will only encourage use of private vehicles.

Water and sewage will be adversely impacted by the proposed development. Water supply is already poorly maintained with regular leaks on Barnsley Road just above the proposed site. A development of this size adjacent to natural water courses (the source of the river Dearne) increase the risk of pollution to these important water sources.

Local services are already stretched, GP appointments are difficult to get and NHS dentist places are hard to find.

Upper Cumberworth is a small rural village surrounded by green fields and mature woodlands a housing development of this scale will have a negative effect upon not only the surrounding areas by overstressing services it will alter the landscape and irreversibly change the character of the village.

I have no doubt this will have a detrimental effect upon many residents mental health who chose to live here because of the surrounding countryside and quiet village lifestyle.

Therefore I believe approval for this development should be denied.