



I would like to object to this planning application. The land concerned is designated green belt and immediately adjacent to protected trees and an ancient woodland. Other than the fact that as a green field site and being immediately adjacent to a main road it will allow the developer to maximise profits it has little else to commend it. The land naturally drains towards an ancient woodland and in wet weather this already significantly increases the volumes of water that flow into the woodland and through the natural watercourses. The additional drainage requirements from a largely hard surfaced area would have a significant impact on both this and the piped drainage systems which already struggle in adverse weather. The highway drainage often overflows on Carr Hill Road and sewage overflow frequently emerges on Park Lane. The adjacent woodland is home to a broad range of species with regular sightings of species such as Barn Owl, deer and Kingfisher all of which would be impacted by the work or its impact on the ecology. Whilst the proposer sights a lack of housing in support of the application there are always available properties in Upper and Lower Cumberworth and the adjacent villages of Denby Dale and Shepley which would suggest that there isn't a burning need for more. Traffic levels on Barnsley Road are already significant with many people instead using Carr Hill Road to avoid the dangerous crossroads at the Sovereign. Carr Hill Road for the majority of its length has no footpaths and drivers, particularly in the morning and evening peak, frequently speed increasing the risk to pedestrians. This issue was raised numerous times in relation to the adjacent quarry proposals and given that the council chose to approve that development this proposal would further compound those issues. This is exacerbated by the fact that most of the properties are likely to have/need 2 cars given the state of public transport in Upper Cumberworth. The bus service to/from Huddersfield takes in the region of 1 hour and whilst the train is quicker this only runs once an hour and is already heavily loaded. From the proposed site anyone wanting to use the train are likely to drive to either Shepley which has no parking or Denby Dale which has 8 normal parking spaces, often full, and already impacted by other developments at Denby Dale and Scisset. The proposal is clear in being aimed at young people, play areas etc being included in the proposal, however your education department response appears to show a lack of capacity at the first and middle schools for the likely level of demand from such a large development. In addition to the more practical concerns eating into the greenbelt slowly erodes the very thing that attracts people to live in this area. The proposed site currently provides uninterrupted views towards Birds Edge with Park Lane weaving its way into the distance and farmland slowly giving way to the more rugged moorland above, a view that characterises this part of HD8. As a child travelling from one of the local schools to Scisset baths I found this view inspiring, as I am sure do others visiting our area, and I am proud to now call this village home. It would be a great shame if this was lost forever to yet more brick and mortar just to allow someone to maximise their profit by avoiding redeveloping existing brown field sites.