

16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Objection RE: Planning Application 2025/60/93572/E**

**Please do not publish my personal details.**

I am a regular visitor to Upper Cumberworth having family who live in the village and wish to object to the above planning application on the following grounds.

The application is not covered within the Adopted Local Plan and is therefore in direct conflict with that plan.

The site covered under this application is green belt land and so this proposal does not adhere to the government commitment to prioritise brownfield and grey belt sites for development (as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework).

If successful, this application will result in up to 123 new houses being built within 15m of Stephen Wood which is ancient woodland and part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. The impact of this in terms of changing the physical environment, increased noise, additional footfall and pollution both during and after completion would result in irreversible damage to the character and habitat of these woods.

The woods are home to a number of bird species, mammals, insects, flowers, bushes and trees all of which would be adversely and permanently affected.

The charm and heritage of the village of Upper Cumberworth are encapsulated and enhanced by its rural location within the Dearne Valley. This traditional village character would be undermined by building housing upon this site by altering the green landscape, increasing 'urban sprawl' and changing the historic character of the area.

This development would not only undermine the character and heritage of the village and surrounding areas but would also have a detrimental impact on the lives and wellbeing of the existing residents and future generations to whom the site, views and associated benefits would be lost.

If proposals for development having a direct or indirect adverse effect on a Local Wildlife Site, Ancient Woodland, Veteran Tree or other important tree, will not be permitted unless the benefits of the development can be clearly shown to outweigh the need to safeguard the local conservation value of the site or feature and there is no alternative means to deliver the proposal, I am still to be persuaded of the benefits and 'need' for this particular housing development.