

Address: 1, HOLLYBANK AVENUE, UPPER CUMBERWORTH, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 8NY

### About the application

Application number: 2025/60/93572/E	
What is the application for?:	Outline application with all matters reserved, bar vehicle access into the site,
Address of the site or building:	Land South of, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NN
Postcode:	

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>This is an objection to planning application 2025/60/93572/E. Residential development at Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth.</p> <p>I am a resident of the small rural village of Upper Cumberworth and have been for the last 40 years. I was both surprised and extremely concerned when I heard about this planning application both in terms of its sheer scale and the potential effect on the infrastructure, natural environment, public services and local amenities which currently exist and which serve the village. I wish to object on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. The Local Plan The site is designated as greenbelt land and has been used for agriculture for many decades. It is not designated as building land in the adopted Local Plan and should not be used as such when there are brownfield sites available.</p> <p>2. Scale The sheer scale of the development i.e. 123 houses will be overwhelming and destroy the character of this small village. The existing school, shop and post office will not be able to feasibly serve these additional people and nor will doctors, dentists and other essential services many of which are already at capacity.</p> <p>3. Transport Whilst Barnsley Road is an A road, it is already very busy and this is going to be exacerbated by the Planning Permission granted by Kirklees last year for the extension to Bromley Farm Quarry ( REF: 2023/91280) which is diagonally opposite this site and will generate thousands of lorry movements along the A635 passed the site. Couple this with a potential additional 160 cars within the proposed development and a possible 158,000 vehicle movements and this is a recipe for traffic chaos at busy times and inevitably more accidents. The junction with Carr Hill Road and the notorious blackspot of the Sovereign crossroads will become even more dangerous.</p> <p>4. Infrastructure and amenities</p>	

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Existing infrastructure in the village is already under severe strain with sewers and drains regularly leaking and/or overflowing and Yorkshire Water regular visitors. Road surfaces are disintegrating and pot-holes are rife. Most workplaces, shops, medical and other services are outside the village and not within easy walking distance making many more car journeys inevitable adding to congestion, pollution and loss of rural character.

#### 5. Loss of Ecology and biodiversity

This development will have a detrimental effect to the adjacent ancient woodland and potentially cause habitat loss, disturbance to wildlife and everlasting damage to the natural environment.

In conclusion, I believe that THIS DEVELOPMENT by nature of its sheer scale and the hugely negative impact on this small rural village, SHOULD BE REFUSED and I am objecting to it in the strongest possible terms.

If planning consent were to be granted, I would expect the Planning Authority to impose significant requirements of the developer, Vivly Living by way of a robust s106 Agreement and/or Community Infrastructure Levy in order to mitigate the hugely detrimental effect of the development on the village and the local community.