

## Planning application 2025/60/93572/E Upper Cumberworth

An objection

This site is productive agricultural land; in the Green Belt; and is not allocated for housing in the Kirklees Local Plan – sufficient reasons, I believe, to refuse the application, which seems to be an attempt to preempt the forthcoming Local Plan Review.

However there are many other factors specific to the site which reinforce its total unsuitability for the planned development (which would increase by a third the size of the village - unsustainable).

The site itself is an important habitat for wildlife.

Moreover it borders (over a length of c150 metres) a magnificent ancient woodland with a rich biodiversity which would be catastrophically damaged by this large development.

The proposed buffer zone is far too small, but even a bigger distance would not solve the problem **because the site slopes steeply down to the woodland**, inevitably damaging not only the woodland but also Park Dike and the infant River Dearne, which the dike joins nearby, ruining the whole wildlife corridor.

The foul and surface water proposals are totally inadequate.

The topography would lead to flooding downstream, including in Denby Dale itself.

The proposed access to the site from the A635 road is very close to the access to the Bromley Farm Recycling depot, which will soon also be the access to the new Bromley Farm clay quarry for up to 120 HGV vehicles a day. This is a traffic disaster waiting to happen.