



I object strongly to the above planning application for the following reasons.

When planning a development near an ancient woodland the recommended buffer zone is at least 15 meters to protect the woodland from the development and vice versa. This is not allowed for in the planning. Surface water from the proposed site naturally runs away into the woodland and helps maintain ground water levels in times of drought. Covering the adjacent fields with housing and tarmac will deprive the woodland of this valuable resource.

The public transport links are very poor in the area. The buses are very infrequent and do not offer a wide range of destinations. The walk to Denby Dale railway station is fraught with danger as the pavement at the side of the busy A635 is extremely narrow and overgrown in places. Trains are invariably late assuming they turn up at all. The extra housing will only create more car journeys in the area.

The traffic access to the proposed development is from the A635. This road is already very busy and hazardous. Although the speed limit is 40 mph, the downhill nature of the road leads to excessive speed especially among hgv's. Planning permission had already been granted for the extraction of clay from Bromley Farm quarry. It is anticipated that there could be up to 120 hgv movements per day. This equates to a hgv movement every six minutes onto the already busy A635.

The local school in Upper Cumberworth offers excellent education for children in the area. It is doubtful that these high levels could be maintained if the intake numbers were significantly increased. The current trend is for parents to deliver and collect children by car/suv at the start and end of the school day. This already creates congestion on the roads around the school. Cumberworth Lane, Dearnfield and Hollybank Ave become car parks. It is doubtful that emergency services could access the area should the need arise. The health and safety implications are a concern and will be only exacerbated if there is an increase in the local population.

The doctors in the area already have a heavy workload and it can be difficult to get an appointment within a reasonable time scale. Extra patients can only lead to longer waiting times.

In my opinion the proposed development will permanently destroy the character of this unique historic Yorkshire village.