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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 February 2026 23:09  
**To:** DC Admin  
**Subject:** Objection to development - Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

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Dear Planning Officer,

I am 15 years old and I have lived in this village for nearly eight years. I am writing to object to the proposed development of 123 houses on the fields at Barnsley Road because this place means so much to me.

I grew up here. Since I was little, I've walked these fields with my family and our dog. The open green space and views across the countryside are part of what makes this village feel calm and special. The land is Green Belt, and I understand that it is meant to be protected from building. Once these fields are covered in houses, we can never get them back. It would completely change the character of our village.

The wildlife here is one of the things I love most. I've seen deer in the fields, lots of different birds, squirrels in the trees, and I know there are and bats in the area too. There is also ancient woodland nearby, which I've learned is incredibly important and cannot be replaced if it is damaged. Building 123 houses so close to these habitats would destroy wildlife homes and disturb protected species. That doesn't feel right, especially when conservation and protecting nature are supposed to matter.

Traffic on Barnsley Road is already a problem. Cars often speed, and there have been accidents. As a teenager who walks along these roads, this is worrying. Adding 123 houses could mean hundreds more cars every day. That would increase traffic, noise, and air pollution, and make the roads even more dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, and young people like me.

Our village is small and close-knit, and that is why I love living here. Building 123 houses feels like far too many for a village of this size. It would not be in keeping with the existing character and would make the area feel overcrowded and urban instead of rural.

I am also concerned about the impact on local services. Schools are already busy, and healthcare services seem stretched. I don't see how they would cope with such a large increase in residents. There are also existing drainage and sewerage concerns in the village, especially during heavy rain and there are always repairs happening on the main road. Building on green fields will reduce natural drainage and could increase flooding risks and strain infrastructure further.

I understand that housing is important, but this location and the scale of this development do not seem appropriate, especially on Green Belt land and in conflict with the Local Plan. I respectfully ask that you consider the long-term impact on young people, wildlife, and the identity of our village before making your decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read my views.

Yours faithfully,

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