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To whom it may concern,

Having grown up in Upper Cumberworth over the last 20 years I strongly object to the proposed development of 123 houses. To simply increase the size of a village by a third when there is such limited local amenities (one small village shop/post office, a school and pub is ridiculous. Currently the nearest food shop is in Denby Dale over a 2km walk and with limited bus services would be a long walk to achieve with shopping.

The village and surrounding villages have not been designed to cope with this especially after all existing planning developments are complete between Denby Dale and Shepley. All medical related practitioners whether doctors or dentists are busy and a struggle to get appointments and where will all the extra children go to school when the local schools are reaching capacity already.

On top of this, the water supply and drainage network cannot cope with any extra load, with leaks appearing on Barnsley Road by the site and surround areas repeatedly due to the current strain on the system along with the age of the pipes. 123 additional properties will cause no end of issues here.

Currently around Sovereign Junction and the top of Carr Hill Road junction see frequent accidents which with the additional quarry traffic that is expected will only increase in frequency as houses are built. At an average of 1.3 cars per household this development will bring around 160 additional vehicles through the village on a daily basis.

There is also the issue of the ancient woodland behind the site which although there is a propose 15m clearance between the plots and the woodland the increase air pollution from vehicles will do no good for this woodland nor the excess water draining towards it. Biodiversity has always stayed away from populated areas so there is no way that this proposed development will not have a negative impact if existing green belt land (and still classed as green belt in the adopted Local Plan). So why should green belt be built on instead of brownfield sites or empty homes within HD postcodes? Instead this will cause harm to the biodiversity along with the rural landscape character of the village.

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