

I wish to object against the application for the development of 123 dwellings in the small village of Upper Cumberworth.

This character of this small rural village would be changed beyond recognition. The village is isolated and is not an ideal location for development of this scale.

As active travel England state in their response, new development should be located in sustainable locations. A mix of local amenities should be within 800m walking distance and footpaths should have a minimum width of 2m be of smooth even surfaces with seating at regular intervals. They also state that most buildings within the site should be within 400m of a high-frequency bus stop or 800m of a rail station. Bus stops should provide seating, lighting, shelter, real-time passenger information etc.

This is absolutely not the case for this location with buses being infrequent, the train station greater than 1800m away along a dangerous narrow footpath. And shops in Denby Dale with limited opening times 2000m away.

The submitted Transport Assessment suggests these amenities to be much closer, have they assessed the wrong site?

Even if they did manage to recalculate these distances, surely it should be calculated from the dwellings not the site entrance or would they assume people to park up at the entrance and then set off on their hike?

So many of the supporting documents are clearly unrepresentative of the location. They fail to recognise the importance of the setting and they fail to show any consideration for the obvious receptors.

The Dearne Way is one the busiest and well known footpath networks in Yorkshire, a development here would permanently obstruct the way marking view towards the church spire.

This long distance recreational footpath is of high sensitivity to change, removal of this key view towards a local landmark (the church) would have an adverse effect on the landscape and character which would affect a much larger demographic than the population of the village alone.

Stephen Woods are designated ancient woodland, these trees were here before us and we must ensure they are able to thrive long after our lifetimes for the benefit of future generations and the many species that depend on this wildlife haven.

Please do visit the area, walk the perimeter and truly appreciate the true value of the surroundings, these are assets that absolutely can not simply be replaced by mitigation measures. The setting of the ancient woodland **MUST** be protected.