



As a resident of the village for over 50 years I want to strongly object to this proposal for 123 houses to be built on green belt land.

1. The proposed site is green belt land, which is used to produce crops and graze sheep. There is no justification in any of the documents submitted which is sufficient to make the building on this green belt land acceptable. It is not grey belt, it is beautiful in all weathers and provides part of the natural tapering of the village before Denby Dale starts. Building here would not be infilling in a village location. Green belt land should be protected. Kirklees has many brown belt sites available.

2. I have seen the impact in recent years of building 5 houses between the post office and the school. There is virtually continuous double parking, serious congestion turning from Barnsley Road into Cumberworth Lane, and cars blocking access to some properties at busy points in the day. Between the school and the church, the development of the properties on Balk Lane has led to permanently parked cars on Cumberworth Lane approaching the bend. 123 houses must lead to well over 200 cars passing through the village. Accidents, potentially fatal, are inevitable with the restricted views caused by the parked cars. The forthcoming 120 wagons a day going to the quarry will exacerbate matters further.

Carr Hill Road is a cut through for traffic avoiding the notorious Sovereign cross roads. The road is already dangerous to pedestrians.

Further cars will be dropping children off and picking them up from school, at what can only be described as a chaotic time on all the roads around the school. I note the comments about pathways for walking. The reality is most parents will be driving children to school and dropping them off on the way to work.

3. Ancient woodland. My parents, children and grandchild have all enjoyed spending time in the woods. Building 15 meters from the wood is going to damage the trees and wildlife. , deer, foxes and many other animals and birds will leave or die as a result. The Hairy Ant, which Kirklees should be protecting, will also be liable to habitat damage. No buildings should take place within 50 meters of the wood in line with national standards.

At a time when conservation issues couldn't be a higher priority a development of this magnitude on green belt land is wholly inappropriate.