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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to reject building on the proposed site in Upper Cumberworth. In the first instance building on prime green belt should not be allowed.

It is government policy to protect our ancient woodland and this development would affect the habitat of the woodland in our village. There is a rare species of ants in this woodland of which there are only two sites in our country .

There is a water culvert running through the proposed site that feeds the woodland and the loss of this would impact the woodland which is priceless.

The proposed buffer zone of 10 meters between the woodland and the development is not sufficient to protect the habitat. A minimum requirement is 15 meters, but 30 meters is recommended to prevent deterioration.

The water pipes in the village are antiquated and cannot cope with the demands made on it at present. We are always having leaks on Barnsley road, below the post office and also opposite the post office on Cumberworth Lane, with the roads being dug up necessitating traffic lights being erected. This badly affects the flow of traffic. Another 123 households will exacerbate the problem, as most will have at least have 1 or 2 cars. The new households will be exiting onto the A635 Barnsley Road which is a busy road. There is already a noticeable increase in traffic up Carr Hill Road, which can be hazardous for pedestrians , as there is no footpath in large parts of it.

We have no doctor or dentist in the village, so all the new households will have to travel by car as the buses are not frequent.

We have a small village school that is at near capacity.

How would this school cope with another 50+ schoolchildren?

I wish this to remain anonymous