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Green Belt Land off Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth

It is both surprising and saddening that consent for 123 new homes to be built on the above land should even be considered. I do not live in Upper Cumberworth, but I visit regularly . My objections to planning consent are as follows:

Traffic volume: At certain times of the day this is already a problem. Three busy junctions, at The Star, The Sovereign and at the top of Carr Hill Road, will have even more cars. Inevitably the number of accidents will increase. Please put public safety first.

Parking: Is very difficult most of the time for those using the shop/Post Office. The school needs parking space too and there is no room for more at the roadside, unless parking outside properties in Hollybank Road which is narrow and adds to congestion. A new local development can only aggravate the situation.

Ancient Woodland. This is very close to the proposed site. Trees that are scheduled to be felled in Stephen Wood will inevitably disturb the wildlife habitat and ecology of the area. In an age of very noticeable climate change the woodland and its wildlife need protection not destruction.

Archaeological value. This is very likely to exist, given the age of the area in its undisturbed state. A lot can be learned from the history of the land if this is investigated and can make for a first-hand learning opportunity for local schoolchildren.

Finally, I think it is insensitive to desecrate green belt land when so many grey belt areas could be improved by housing development.

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