

Re Planning Application no. 2025/60/93572/E - OBJECTION

Land south of Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, HD8 8NN

I wish to object to the above planning application to build 123 houses on Green Belt land.

This is Green Belt and therefore should not be developed. It has been farmed for as long as I can remember and should continue as agricultural land.

This is an area of outstanding beauty, with far reaching views. A development of this magnitude will be out of place, increasing the small village of Cumberworth by 30%. In addition, the close proximity of the development to the beautiful Ancient Woodland will have a major impact on the biodiversity of the woodland and surrounding fields. Having grown up on a farm I know how important it is to manage the land for nature as well as for crops and livestock.

I have lived in the area for over 40 years and in that time the increase in traffic has made The Sovereign junction a dangerous, accident blackspot. I live on the opposite side of the road to the petrol station and, although it is now a well-stocked Co-op, I no longer use it as it means taking your life in your hands to get across the junction. 123 houses, likely upwards of 250 cars, will only make a bad situation much worse. How many more people must die before Kirklees will listen?

It is already difficult to get an appointment at the doctors. Where will all these people go for medical help? The local schools are virtually full; there are no NHS dental appointments. I cannot see how the local infrastructure can support all these new people.

Finally, the busy Barnsley Road has seen several burst water mains recently. The Victorian sewers cannot cope with an influx of houses on this scale.

I hope Kirklees will see reason and reject this application.

I wish to remain anonymous. Please do not publish my name and address. Thank you.