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Subject: Objection to development in Upper Cumberworth 2025/60/93572/E

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Re: Objection to Proposed 123 Houses on Land at Barnsley Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of 123 houses on the land at Barnsley Road, ref: 2025/60/93572/E

Although I do not live in the village full time, I am a close family member of residents and visit frequently. I spend a great deal of time here, especially walking the dog through the nearby fields and woods. It is one of the reasons I value this area so much. The countryside setting, open views and peaceful woodland walks are a huge part of the village's character and our family making memories.

This land is designated Green Belt. My understanding is that Green Belt exists to protect open countryside from exactly this kind of large-scale development. Building 123 houses here would permanently change the rural setting and erode the openness that makes this part of Kirklees special. Once those fields are built on, they are gone forever.

The wildlife in and around the site is also very noticeable to anyone who spends time outdoors here. On walks I have seen deer, many species of birds, squirrels and signs of . I understand there are also bats in the area. There is ancient woodland nearby, which is irreplaceable and should be protected. A development of this size would inevitably disturb habitats, increase noise and light pollution, and place pressure on these sensitive natural areas.

Traffic along Barnsley Road already feels busy and at times unsafe. Cars travel at speed and there have been accidents. Adding 123 homes will mean a significant increase in vehicles, which will lead to more congestion, more road noise, and greater risks for pedestrians and dog walkers. It will also worsen air pollution in what is currently a relatively clean and open environment.

I am also concerned about the impact on local services. Schools, GP surgeries and other facilities in Kirklees are already under pressure. A development of this scale in a small village setting seems disproportionate and likely to strain infrastructure further.

There are also known drainage and sewerage concerns in many parts of Kirklees, particularly during heavy rainfall. Replacing green fields with hard surfaces will increase runoff and could add to local flooding and sewer capacity issues.

Overall, 123 houses feels excessive for a small rural village and out of keeping with its character. The scale of development would urbanise what is currently a peaceful and attractive countryside setting.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge **Kirklees Council** to refuse this application and protect the Green Belt, local wildlife, and the special character of the area.

Yours faithfully,

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