

Address: 7, Dearnfield, Huddersfield, HD8 8NX

### About the application

Application number: 2025/93572	
What is the application for?:	Outline application with all matters reserved, bar vehicle access into the site,
Address of the site or building:	Land South of, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NN
Postcode:	

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
Planning objection version 2025/60193572	
<p>I wish to object to the application to build on designated green belt land the development of which is not included in the Local Plan (LP). The proposed development does not meet any of the key exceptions and is at odds with, and does not fulfil, specific points in the LP</p> <p>LP5 Place shaping 123 houses would increase the size of the village by 1/3, which has no facilities other than a PO/small shop, pub, church and primary school, has no local employment and requires car use for all commuting, shopping and other daily activities.</p> <p>LP20 Sustainable transport The LP notes that in Kirklees Rural there are limited opportunities for people to work and shop locally and that more people commute longer distances to work. Public transport options are limited. Bus services are hourly at best and journeys are long and not convenient for time sensitive journeys. Denby Dale station has limited parking, is 1.7km from the village and requires either a 30 minute walk on a busy steep main road and steep station access, or a car journey. Denby Dale shops are 1.8km and library and health facilities are 2.1km away. Assuming each house would have at least one car the number of journeys is hugely underestimated in the plan. Private vehicle use will add to air and noise pollution and to congestion on an already busy road with difficult and dangerous junctions. The historic centre of the village is often impassable in the immediate area of the school when parents use cars to take children to school prior to their commute.</p> <p>LP30 Biodiversity The site is concurrent with open countryside including Ancient Woodland. It is cultivated agricultural land with the ability to reduce climate warming gases and contribute to carbon sequestration. The development, by replacing this with impervious surfaces, will result in loss of carbon storage and an increase in greenhouse gas</p>	

surfaces, will result in loss of carbon storage and an increase in greenhouse gas emissions. It provides habitat for small animals which are a food source for raptors in the area. It would compromise and fragment habitat on the site and in adjacent fields and woodland. Ecosystems are fragile and once the balance is upset recovery to the original is impossible.

I have concerns about soil and water pollution particularly during the building phase which would not be mitigated by any ultimately improved drainage. Water from the raised site will run down into the adjacent woodland and its watercourses. Park Dyke runs immediately below the site and continues into the River Dearne within the woods. Run off will cause physical damage to the woods including the archeological site which is immediately below the field and carry pollutants which are prejudicial to plants and animals

#### LP32 Landscape

Upper Cumberworth is a discrete and recognisable village with a balanced mix of very old and new buildings within open country. The proposed development of a disproportionate number of essentially identical houses would significantly alter the character and integrity of the village.