

Address: 15A Cumberworth Lane Upper Cumberworth

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	
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I cannot see how the local services can accommodate the residents of an extra 123 houses without major investment in utilities, public transport and schools.

SEWERAGE: Yorkshire Water has already stated that the local sewers do not have capacity to handle the sewage produced by the new development. There have been recent problems with foul water leaking from the existing sewers.

RAINWATER RUNOFF: The developer proposes that rainwater will be directed into the River Dearne in the woodlands. Any pollution, even unintentional such as oil from the many cars on the development, will be washed into the local woodlands and could be extremely damaging.

EDUCATION: Cumberworth First School appears to be close to capacity. With 23 additional students from the new houses (according to KC Education's analysis), it's unlikely that the school could accommodate them all, meaning that some would need to be driven to schools in other villages. If adding a new class was financially viable, there is the problem that the school cannot extend its building any further without sacrificing the playing field at the back, unless it can negotiate to take over one of the local fields.

TRANSPORT: I also strongly disagree with Via Services's claim that "there are practical and convenient links available to and from the site, offering the potential for residents and visitors to walk, cycle or use public transport rather than relying on the use of a private car."

Bus services are wholly inadequate, less than one per hour to Huddersfield where many of the new residents would need to travel for work. Via suggests there is a "reasonable prospect of walking and cycling trips being made to and from [Denby Dale] station", but this would be a 23 minute walk downhill to the station, and a 28 minute walk uphill on the way home, adding significantly to commuting time. It's more likely that a family member would drive to drop and pick up someone from the station.

Cycling to work during rush hour is only an option for the most confident cyclists, given that the A635 and A636 are long hills with traffic driving at up to 60mph around blind bends, with the tree canopy often making it difficult to see cyclists. Walking to other shops and facilities is equally unrealistic - the only facilities within a reasonable walking distance is the Star Pub and the small local shop and post office, which because of its small size does not have enough range for most families to do their weekly shop there.

Therefore it's certain that almost residents will use their cars to access the estate, and many households will have one car per adult. This will be a car-dependent development, adding to traffic on an already very busy road.