

Objection to Planning Application 2025/60/93572/E

I wish to object to the above application for the following reasons:-

Although I do not live in the area I often visit to spend time with relatives. On every visit we walk our dog in the Upper Dearne Woods which are designated as Ancient Woodlands. They are a place of quiet beauty and relaxation in a very scenic area. The woods are well kept by the local conservation group but with the introduction of a further 300+ people they could easily be over run by noise, litter and domestic pets. The ecology of the area would be in danger.

The development would be very close to the boundary of the woods. The buffer zone should be at least 50 metres.

Within the woods , near to the boundary of the proposed development, there have been several archaeological finds indicating the existence of ancient buildings and prehistoric activities. These are publicised by the information boards near to the diggings.

The report by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society strongly recommends "that no development shall take place until a written scheme of archaeological investigation has been submitted".

The proposed site is not allocated within the Kirklees Local Plan. The site has been identified as designated Greenbelt. It is currently productive agricultural land.

The proposed site is within an area of natural beauty, which enhances this scenic parts of Upper Cumberworth and the surrounding area.

I submit that the application should be refused outright.