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Dear Kirklees Planning

Re Application to build 123+ houses on Green Belt land in Upper Cumberworth by Vivly Living

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

I wish to register my objection to the above planning application. I do not live in Cumberworth, but visit my sister there regularly. I was truly shocked to be told that Vivly Living had put in an application for all these houses – and, on Green Belt too. Green Belt was so designated to protect it from being built on, and to protect the countryside from Urban Sprawl. On my journey to Cumberworth I pass many new developments, including the massive one on Penistone Road (built on fields) and, sadly, the one on Abbey Road at Shepley (also built on fields). Urban sprawl is happening and Shepley has been spoilt as a village. Please do not allow the same to happen to Cumberworth – a conservation village. I do not believe that all these houses are needed in this area, but that it is greed on the part of the Developers and the landowners. Denby Dale has also seen a massive amount of new builds. Where is the infrastructure to cope with all these new people?

On my visits we always walk my dog in the surrounding countryside, and through the beautiful woodland. I dread the effect that building all these houses will have on the peaceful and restorative woodland. In addition, the stunning wide open views surrounding Cumberworth will be lost forever.

Also on my journey to and from Cumberworth I must negotiate the notorious Sovereign Crossroads. I have witnessed a bump here and seen many near misses. How can this already busy and dangerous junction cope with all the extra traffic?

Several times over the last months I have had to detour due to road closures, invariably due to burst water mains. How can the Victorian sewerage system be expected to cope with such a large influx of houses? It can barely cope as it is.

Please do not pass this application.

Please do not publish my name and address.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