

## 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?	Yes
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<p>Subject: Objection to Proposed Development of 123 Houses on Green Belt Land</p> <p>I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 123 houses on designated Green Belt land.</p> <p>The Green Belt exists to prevent urban sprawl, protect the countryside, and maintain the character and separation of surrounding communities. Approving a development of this scale would undermine these core principles by permanently removing protected land and setting a precedent for further encroachment. Once Green Belt land is developed, it cannot be restored, and the long-term impact on the local landscape and environment would be irreversible.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of protected land, the proposal raises serious concerns about the ability of local infrastructure and services to support such a significant increase in housing. The surrounding villages already rely on limited facilities, many of which are operating at or near capacity.</p> <p>Local healthcare services in particular are under considerable strain. GP surgeries and community health facilities already experience long waiting times for appointments, and residents frequently struggle to access timely care. The addition of 123 new homes could introduce several hundred additional residents, placing further pressure on services that are already stretched. There is no clear evidence that the development would be accompanied by sufficient investment in healthcare provision to meet this increased demand.</p>	

Local schools, road networks, and public transport services would also be affected. Rural and village infrastructure is not designed to absorb rapid population increases without significant upgrades. Increased traffic would likely worsen congestion on local roads and reduce safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, the character and identity of surrounding villages would be negatively impacted. Green Belt land provides an important buffer that prevents neighbouring communities from gradually merging together. Development of this site risks eroding that separation and altering the rural character that residents value.

There are also environmental concerns relating to the loss of natural habitat, biodiversity, and open countryside. Green spaces provide important ecological functions and contribute significantly to the wellbeing of local communities.

Given the cumulative impact on Green Belt protection, local infrastructure, healthcare services, and the character of surrounding villages, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application.

Decisions relating to development on protected land must consider not only housing demand but also the sustainability of local services and the long-term preservation of the environment and community identity.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be rejected.