

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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<p>There seems to be little evidence of a local need for additional housing, and certainly not at the price point these houses will be sold. Given the number of available brownfield sites within the wider Kirklees area, development on greenbelt land is quite unjustified and contrary to both local and national planning policy.</p> <p>The site will adjoin an ancient woodland and in doing so will compromise the woodland itself, destroying this beautiful natural habitat for present and future generations. The construction of houses will cause excess drainage onto either a busy road or into the woodland, without even considering the amount of building drainage going straight into pristine habitat. There is already discharge into the ancient woodland from the field during bad weather and the problems in the area where the combined sewer development is on the plan could cause damage to the woodland that is irreversible. The existing combined sewer system is already exceeding capacity, the combined system surcharges resulting in contaminated flows into woodland upstream. Yorkshire Water has previously confirmed that there is no additional capacity for this development and that they have objected to these proposals. Flooding of polluted combined waste into ancient woodland causing major ecological harm and public health hazard.</p> <p>The village already suffers a range of issues linked to public utility services, which a development of this size will only exacerbate. The current infrastructure simply cannot cope with such a huge rise in houses. The current water and waste systems are already at breaking point with frequent instances of burst pipes and overflowing sewers, especially in heavy rain. Even Yorkshire Water agree this is not a tenable site and they are THE experts regarding this situation.</p> <p>The village is remote from amenities and shops, with a limited bus service and a lengthy and dangerous walk to Denby Dale to access an infrequent train service. Potential residents would therefore be reliant on car journeys alone. To suggest future residents would risk their safety to walk to Denby Dale to then take a once an hour train to a stop anywhere is entirely implausible. Oversubscribed schools, dental practices and doctor's surgeries do not have the capacity to accommodate an influx of potentially hundreds of new users. And as for the claim that local businesses, will benefit – neither the local pub or post office want to see the development in the village.</p> <p>As for transport a survey done on a weekday morning does not in any way reflect the</p>	

AS for transport, a survey done on a weekday morning does not in any way reflect the pressures on the local community. The accident blackspots at the Sovereign junction, Carr Lane crossroads and the top of Carr Hill Road already regularly see accidents – mainly not caused by speed but the volume of traffic going to and from work. The granting of quarrying opposite the proposed development with 120 lorries a day travelling up and down Barnsley Road will only make this problem worse. As a result, there will undoubtedly be additional traffic going up and down Carr Hill Road to avoid the queues at the Sovereign junction. There is no pavement, yet people regularly walk this road and have been and will continue to be at risk.

It is unbelievable that the developer has been allowed to put content on both local and national media that are clearly untrue, especially regarding consultation with the local community. To the best of my knowledge there has been NO consultation with the community or businesses and their claims show they have no knowledge of the workings of the village, its facilities or the local transport network.

This proposal fails to meet the policy requirements, conflicting with Local Plan policies LP1, LP2 and LP3 which require development to be sustainable, appropriately located, and reflective of settlement size and function. Therefore, as it is the responsibility of Kirklees Council and its Councillors to protect the local green belt from inappropriate developments such as this and protect the health and welfare of all those who use the roads, I urge the council to reject this application.