



I wish to object to this planning application.

In my opinion, there are a number of serious issues with this application which means that it should be rejected.

Firstly, the application is on green belt land which is not allocated for housing development in the local plan. There is no clear case for developing on green belt land, then brownfield sites across Kirklees remain available.

Secondly, the layout and size and scale of the development is out of keeping with the local area. This development, if allowed, would increase the size of the village by almost one third. In a basis of proportionality, the size of this proposed development should be rejected. Furthermore, then density of the development is greater than existing houses on this side of Barnsley Road (ie Park Lane and Carr Hill Road), and therefore does not reflect a consistent approach to housing in this part of the village.

Thirdly, the development is too close to ancient woodland under existing guidelines/legislation, and the size of the proposal would have a serious and detrimental impact on the woodland in terms of loss to habitats through pollution and run off water.

Fourthly, the transport infrastructure to the village does not support a large development. The closest railway station is a mile away in Denby Dale, but only one train runs each hour, and my personal experience is that trains are all too frequently cancelled. This means that the vast majority of residents are reliant on the car. Barnsley is already a busy road, and the Sovereign crossroads is a well known black spot for crashes. This development would exacerbate this problem.

Fifthly, there is insufficient in terms of schools, dentists and GP practices to support large developments, the middle and high schools at capacity. This is exacerbated by other large developments across the area, such as in Shepley, Skelmanthorpe, and Denby Dale. There is insufficient consideration into this aspect of large development applications.