

About the application

Application number: 2025/60/93572/E	
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

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<p>The land is currently designated as Green Belt where there is a presumption against development. Paragraph 153 of the NPPF indicates that “inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt unless there are “very special circumstances”. At Paragraph 7.22 of the Planning Statement submitted by the developer with the application one of the purposes of the Green Belt is highlighted as “c) to assist In the safeguarding the countryside from encroachment”. The Statement also acknowledges at Paragraph 7.25 that the site makes a strong contribution towards this. This proposed development would be wholly inappropriate in the Green Belt and the land currently plays a significant role in safeguarding the countryside and important woodland environment from encroachment.</p> <p>The mature woodland to the south of the proposed site is designated as an Ancient Woodland and the proposal will have a significant impact on this. The developer has suggested a 15m buffer between the development and the woodland. The Councils own Ecology Unit describe the wood as a “priority woodland habitat” and recommend that the buffer is increased to between 30m and 50m as a result. Furthermore, the current proposal shows surface water discharge in to the woodland which will potentially have a deleterious effect on the sensitive habitat, which includes colonies of hairy ants.</p> <p>In terms of transport the developer refers to the “extremely sustainable location for development will reduce car dependency”. This is clearly a fantasy. As someone who can no longer drive, the bus X1, 90, 91 and D2 bus services are infrequent at best during the week and less at the weekend. Neither Shepley, nor Denby Dale stations are within reasonable walking distance. The development will significantly increase car journeys. The crossroads at The Star is already a junction with poor visibility (especially from Carr Hill Road) and the problems of the junction at Sovereign Crossroads is well documented. Finally, to suggest that the tip is within walking distance is laughable. In all my visits, I have never seen anyone walking in as most visitors to the tip have a car full of rubbish which is too much to carry.</p>	