

## 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
<p>I am writing to register my objection to the proposed development in Upper Cumberworth of 123 houses by Vivly Living. APPLICATION2025/60/93572/E</p> <p>Kirklees Planning Suggested Guidelines</p> <p>Any new development is supposed to make a positive contribution to local character and the distinctiveness of that area including natural amenities. This proposed development fails on all counts to comply with any of the above points and many more as stated by your own Kirklees guide lines.</p> <p>The proposed buildings do not have any green credentials not even a Swift or a Bee brick or solar panels. These should be mandatory not voluntary on any new builds.</p> <p>Upper Cumberworth is a distinctive historic village made up of many individual styled houses and listed buildings. It has a small first school plus a Post Office come small shop and a Public House. All set in a green belt area .</p> <p>There is a total lack of infrastructure to support a development plan of high density houses which would cause the complete destruction of local character and the natural current amenities of Upper Cumberworth.</p> <p>The proposed new high density development is completely out of character with the surrounding area, neither does it offer any positive contribution to Upper Cumberworth or the surrounding villages. It would have a huge negative impact on the whole area. Therefore the application should be rejected outright.</p> <p>Lack of infrastructure</p> <p>By allowing this application to proceed it would increase the residential housing by a further 30% and probably increase the actual number of people if they are young families by 40%+ This is a huge increase for a tiny village and have a major impact on it and the surrounding areas.</p> <p>Kirklees council cannot guarantee school places for all the new children, the NHS cannot guarantee a face to face doctor's appointment in a decent timescale or a dentist for local residents let alone the new residents currently being added to the Denby Dale and Skelmanthorpe area all sharing the same current facilities.</p> <p>There has been a large scale development in Skelmanthorpe, 2 developments by Vivly in Denby Dale plus the large scale developments in Shepley including by Vivly living . This gives the Denby Dale Parish and surrounding area already a glut of new houses</p>	

waiting to be fully sold.

### Dangerous Road Junctions

All of this puts pressure and extra traffic on the roads, over and above the mining development HGV traffic daily movements about to start running along Barnsley Road parallel to the proposed site.

Within half a mile the junction by the Sovereign public house is the second worst black spot for accidents in Huddersfield. This junction is so bad the council is planning to put speed cameras there. In the opposite direction you have the bottleneck of Denby Dale High Street with inadequate and insufficient parking facilities. Adding more traffic to already congested dangerous junctions and poorly maintained roads and pavements is totally irresponsible

### Transport Hierarchy

Vivly talk about seamless connection to Upper Cumberworth giving pedestrians and cyclists priorities followed by private cars.

How is this achievable when the small school and post office are across the Barnsley Road away from the proposed development. Anything else that the post office cannot provide is 2 mile or more away. To get to the other schools the majority of the children will need to be driven there or risk walking on the dangerous Cumberworth Lane.

The current residents have already complained to the council about trying to cross Barnsley Road taking their children to school. Residents living by the school have already complained about cars parking blocking the road and their driveways twice a day 5 days a week excluding the school holidays This means increasing and pushing the traffic congestion to the other villages who are all undergoing housing developments of there own.

Each new house will have one or two cars they will not be public transport bus users they will use cars for all journeys to access any facility needed. This will be by necessity due to lack of infrastructure and by choice.

Yorkshire Waters inadequate infrastructure for current Residents please do not add to our problem

The whole area is plagued by constant water leaks and drops in water pressure that will take years if not decades to rectify by Yorkshire water, adding more demand, new pipes and drains to an antiquated overloaded outdated system will push the problems onto residents in other areas nearby.

Building 123 densely packed high water demanding houses with more road and parking spaces and very little in the way of gardens will also send the problem of surface water run off to the surrounding area. This is a heavy clay and minerals soil area which was previously and is currently mined but it also means we need the open green fields for the run-off water as it takes longer to soak away. Concrete drives and patios add to the problem. Denby Dale already suffers floods in the valley bottom after heavy rain.

Natural Amenities and Ancient Woodland with inadequate safeguards Destroyed or Eroded by Stealth

The area of ancient woodland by its very nature and age will be home to a wealth of mammal, invertebrates, ground fungus and bird species.

Building 123 houses in such close 15mt proximity will have a detrimental impact on the habitat and pathways of all these species. We should be protecting the abundance of wildlife we have in this rural area not taking every opportunity to destroy it. The amenities for Upper Cumberworth and the surrounding Denby Dale area are these woodlands and green spaces.

The planning department need to reject this planning application.

Yours