



I firmly object to this planning application on the following grounds:

Vivly are trying to exploit the fact that Kirklees are due to review the local plan. This proposal timing goes against planning process and in my view is wrong, especially on greenbelt land. Vivly should have waited for the formal call to plan process to run its course. they are trying to skip this important part of the formal planning process in my view. Green belt land should remain as greenbelt, and this proposal will harm the openness of the greenbelt land.

Vivly have not effectively consulted with locals. They did not come to meet local people when invited to do so at the church so our views have not been adequately heard or incorporated into these plans.

There will be a huge negative impact on the local services and water/drainage and other similar facilities. I live on Barnsley Road and there have been numerous leaks and disruptions already down this road due to capacity issues. The water pipes are always leaking, leading to roadworks and hold ups for traffic with water often pouring down the road for days on end. If 123 extra houses with their demand for water and resultant waste can only compound this problem. The children already have to stand at the side of the road near to the post office for the school bus. this is dangerous already as there is no shelter and no where safe for them to stand. The housing development will lead to more children standing at the side of the road every morning and is a huge risk for their safety. Our area cannot support this level of development.

The ancient woodland and greenbelt land will also be negatively affected. Once it is gone, it is gone. There are numerous other brownfield sites across Kirklees that Vivly can develop that won't mean we lose ancient woodland and its associated flora and fauna. The loss of bio-diversity linked to the loss of this woodland and the negative effect on this will be detrimental to the wildlife. We currently have bats in our trees that border the field in question, so what happens to them? We also have the rare Goldcrests nesting this year in the bush right next to the proposed field and we frequently see deer in the field and badgers. Losing this will certainly affect the views to the rural landscape around the area. this was the main reason we moved here and the identity of Upper Cumberworth as a village is likely to be lost with this development if it was allowed to proceed.

The additional cars will make the road and associated local junctions unsafe. 123 extra houses inevitably means extra traffic on the A635, and the sovereign junction is already very difficult to navigate and there have been recent fatalities. I worry about this as an impact of 123 extra houses being built on this road.