

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>With reference to the above planning application, I wish to formally object on the following grounds:</p> <p>Impact on Ancient Woodland The proposed development would have a significant detrimental impact on the adjacent ancient woodland and its natural habitants. This woodland is of historic importance, as well documented, and supports a wide range of wildlife and protected species. The proposed buffer zone is wholly inadequate to protect this sensitive environment from the effects of a development of this scale.</p> <p>Lack of Infrastructure Capacity The rural village of Cumberworth does not possess the infrastructure necessary to support a development of this magnitude. The village has only one small first school, and the road network is already constrained. The proposed site access is from a busy and dangerous road leading to the well-documented hazardous junction at Shepley. The addition of traffic generated by 123 new dwellings would place unacceptable pressure on local roads, increase congestion, worsen air pollution, and adversely affect the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of existing residents.</p> <p>Loss of Green Belt and Agricultural Land The application site lies within designated Green Belt land. There are more suitable brownfield sites available for development that should be prioritised instead. It is concerning that the land is now being presented as unsuitable for farming when there is clear evidence that it has previously been productive agricultural land. In the current climate, viable farmland should be protected and home-grown food production encouraged, not sacrificed for unnecessary development. Furthermore, the site and surrounding area already suffer from unresolved drainage issues, which have not been adequately addressed.</p> <p>Inadequate Community Consultation Meaningful consultation has not been undertaken by the applicant/developer. Residents have not been properly engaged throughout this process. Furthermore, the</p>	

Residents have not been properly engaged throughout this process. Furthermore, the village has experienced malicious acts of property damage seemingly intended to discourage local residents from submitting objections, which has caused considerable distress within the community.

Disproportionate Scale of Development

This proposal would increase the number of households within the rural village by approximately 13%, fundamentally altering its character and scale. No meaningful investment or enhancement is proposed to offset this impact or provide benefit to the village and wider community. Local services are already overstretched, including the underfunded high school provision. The council is unable to provide free school transport for children living over three miles away, instead relying on a dangerous and outdated walking route designated in the 1970s as “safe passage.”

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly object to this application. I do not believe that Cumberworth, as a rural village with limited infrastructure and existing service pressures, can accommodate a development of this scale—particularly at the expense of valuable Green Belt land, productive farmland, and environmentally sensitive woodland.

I respectfully request that this application be refused.