



The proposed development of 123 properties on this beautifully open and gently contoured Green Belt land is horrifying on so many levels.

Upper Cumberworth is a small village community of well-spaced housing, old and new. However, the proposed large development will create a massive area of new and roughly uniform housing which will seriously damage (some might say, destroy) the look and feel of this much-valued village community.

Perhaps more crucially, there are real threats to both current and future members of the hugely enlarged community arising from the Vivly development:

1. Water and sewage services in Upper Cumberworth and neighbouring villages have been a major cause for concern for several years. Both Upper and Lower Cumberworth have serious and longstanding water leaks which, despite frequent 'repairs', continue to spew thousands of gallons of water down Barnsley Road (directly adjacent to the proposed building site) and Shelley Woodhouse Lane, to name but two. The villages therefore commonly suffer water supply problems. What will happen when the new development raises Upper Cumberworth's water demands by around 40%...?

2. The implications of the proposed development for traffic are enormous.

Many of the villages' roads are narrow, and many lack pavements, making them especially dangerous for pedestrians, wheelchair users, parents with young children, prams and pushchairs, and dog walkers. Our roads already suffer heavy traffic, including many huge articulated lorries plying to and from Barden Freight in Lower Cumberworth. This overload and high risk-to-life factor will be further increased by the 120 heavy wagons per day, 5-6 days per week when the planned Wavin quarrying begins at the Bromley Farm site, just across the road from Vivly's proposed development. Add to this the additional hazards created by hundreds more vehicles every day belonging to or servicing the 123 new homes, and the consequences are truly frightening.

3. The proposed development is not only to be built on precious, irretrievable Green Belt land which, according to the Local Plan, is protected, as is the ancient and much revered Sycamore tree which the Vivly developers wish to destroy. The site is also adjacent to Ancient Woodland which will inevitably be at serious risk from a large development site and a huge influx of new residents. **WHEN THIS PRECIOUS GREEN BELT, TREES AND WOODLAND ARE GONE, THEY ARE GONE FOR EVER.**

4. Local services will struggle to cope with the new population influx: there are already insufficient GP and dental services for the existing community, and schools may well become overwhelmed with the increased pupil numbers.

5. Finally, the essence of both Upper and Lower Cumberworth is that of peaceful, rural villages, where people value and respect the stunning green spaces around them. A small development placed on non-Green Belt land, and one which fits harmoniously into the existing village environment, would be fine. On the contrary, the large, intrusive and inappropriately sited development currently planned would be a disaster, destroying priceless local history and heritage.

Please, please, reject this greedy and highly destructive plan.