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To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to Proposed Development of 123 Houses at Barnsley Road

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I am writing to object to the proposed development of 123 houses on land at Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth (Ref: 2025/60/93572/E).

Although I am not a resident, I visit the village regularly to see friends and to walk in the nearby ancient woodland. This land is a big part of what makes the area special, and I believe it should be protected. The open countryside, fields and woodland — along with the wildlife we see on our visits — are central to its character and appeal.

The site is designated Green Belt and contributes to the rural setting of the village. A development of this size would permanently alter the character and outlook of the area, resulting in the loss of valuable open countryside. It would also have a negative impact on local wildlife and the nearby ancient woodland, which many people value and use.

I am also concerned that a development of this scale would increase traffic along Barnsley Road and put further strain on local infrastructure and services, which I understand are already under pressure.

It seems wrong to build on actively farmed arable land when other options are available. Green Belt land exists for a reason and should be protected.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask Kirklees Council to refuse this application and protect the countryside and woodland that provide such important benefits to both residents and visitors.

Please do not publish my details online, as I wish to remain anonymous.

Yours faithfully,