

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

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<p>I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 123 houses on Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth.</p> <p>One of my main concerns with this application is the complete lack of genuine public consultation undertaken by the developer, Vivly. Having recently moved to Upper Cumberworth, I have already seen how strongly local residents care about protecting the village and engaging constructively with planning matters. Unfortunately, the behaviour of the developer throughout this process has left many residents feeling ignored, dismissed, and misled.</p> <p>In my opinion, the so-called public consultation carried out by Vivly appears to have been little more than a box-ticking exercise designed to support the application rather than genuinely listen to or address local concerns. The information submitted regarding community engagement does not reflect the reality experienced by many residents.</p> <p>Direct neighbours to the proposed site have stated they were not properly consulted or meaningfully engaged despite being the people most affected by the development. Concerns raised by residents regarding traffic, Green Belt loss, impact on the ancient woodland, drainage, and the scale of the proposal have not been adequately acknowledged or responded to. Instead, many people feel they have simply been brushed aside.</p> <p>It is also deeply concerning that comments made by Vivly within the planning documents regarding public consultation appear inaccurate and misleading. The suggestion that there has been extensive or positive engagement with the community does not match the experience of local residents. From conversations I have had since moving here, there is widespread frustration about the way the consultation process has been handled and a strong feeling that decisions were already made before the public had any meaningful opportunity to comment.</p> <p>The tone and approach adopted by the developer have also caused considerable</p>	

upset within the community. Rather than working collaboratively with residents, viviy has come across as dismissive of legitimate local concerns. A development of this scale would permanently alter the character of the village, yet the people who live here do not appear to have been treated with the openness or respect they deserve.

The planning system relies on honesty, transparency, and proper community engagement. If consultation statements and supporting information submitted within the application are exaggerated or inaccurate, this seriously undermines confidence in the entire proposal. Residents should be able to trust that information presented to the Council is truthful and reflects genuine engagement with the local community.

As someone who recently chose to move to Upper Cumberworth because of its rural character and strong sense of community, it is disappointing to see a developer approach the village in this way. Local people are not opposed to being heard or consulted reasonably, but many feel this process has been one-sided from the beginning.

I respectfully ask the Council to give significant weight to the concerns surrounding the consultation process and the accuracy of the information submitted by the applicant. A development of this scale should only proceed following open, honest, and meaningful engagement with the community, which many residents do not believe has taken place in this case.