

## 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>I wish to object to the proposed development on land south of Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, particularly in relation to drainage, sewer infrastructure, flood risk and the long-term environmental consequences of developing this field. Living adjacent to the site, I have seen first-hand how water already behaves in this area during periods of heavy rainfall. Water runoff towards the woodland and surrounding land is an existing concern before any development has even taken place. Introducing 123 houses, roads, hard surfaces and underground infrastructure onto a naturally absorbent agricultural field will inevitably worsen the situation. I am particularly concerned by Yorkshire Water's formal objection stating that the existing sewer network does not have sufficient capacity to cope with a development of this size. Residents already experience infrastructure issues locally, including poor water pressure, which indicates the system is already struggling. It is deeply worrying that such a significant development is being proposed without the necessary supporting infrastructure already in place. The proposed drainage strategy also raises serious concerns. The plans rely heavily on engineered drainage systems, pumping stations and attenuation tanks, yet there appears to be considerable uncertainty around feasibility, maintenance and environmental impact. I am especially concerned about the proposed discharge arrangements affecting the nearby ancient woodland and watercourses. Once damage is done to these environments, it cannot simply be reversed. The field itself is productive agricultural land and remains actively farmed. This is not neglected or redundant land. Activity on the field continues, including ploughing and agricultural management, demonstrating that it still performs an important rural and environmental function within the village landscape. In my view, this proposal is far too large for the location and the infrastructure serving Upper Cumberworth. The risks relating to drainage, flooding, sewage capacity and environmental harm have not been satisfactorily resolved, and I therefore respectfully request that the application is refused.</p>	