

## 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>OBJECTION against building 123 houses in the GREENBELT.</p> <p>I have been visiting my brother's family in Upper Cumberworth for over 20 years and as a family we have walked in Stephen Wood, taking the ancient path into the wood alongside the field in question. I was so very disappointed to hear about the proposed development of 123 residential units on this designated Green Belt land. Please accept this email as a formal objection to the Planning Application 2025/60/93572/E,</p> <p>This is Greenbelt and important land for the local ecology. The field on Barnsley Road lies adjacent to ancient woodland, an irreplaceable habitat afforded the highest level of protection under paragraph 186 of the NPPF. Development resulting in the loss or deterioration of such habitats should be refused unless there are wholly exceptional reasons. The proximity of this development poses clear risks of indirect harm, including recreational pressure, noise, lighting, pollution, and hydrological impacts. The field itself likely functions as a buffer and wildlife corridor, and its loss would further degrade ecological networks. The proposal conflicts with Local Plan Policy LP30 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity), which requires protection and enhancement of ecological assets, and fails to demonstrate a meaningful biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>The topography of the field assists the local hydrology of the watercourses. I have read the LLFA comments, they are stating its acceptable to discharge surface water into a watercourse within ancient woodland. this is certainly not allowed, these comments should be removed and not considered appropriate. The water from the site could be contaminated with detergents and cement waste.</p> <p>I have read the Kirklees Ecology comments on the portal and it's clear that The Kirklees Ecology Team have raised several concerns about this development too.</p> <p>There is next to no evidence of why this development is needed in a village the size of Upper Cumberworth and I urge you to accept the advice from the Ecology Team and the comments from others condemning this proposal and reject this application.</p>	