



I have already raised some concerns about the proposed development but would like to add:

- I understand that experts from the council and other organisations have submitted concerns about the buffer zone to the ancient woodland and pointed out that the developer is proposing the absolute minimum buffer zone, which many experts believe is not sufficient to protect the rare and irreplaceable habitat.

- The experts have also pointed out that the proposal doesn't include protection for other existing mature trees (some are not even shown on the plans), nor does it include new trees within the development – despite this being a legal requirement in the planning framework. This is a proposal to build well over 100 houses on designated greenbelt, next to ancient woodland, yet it does not even meet basic standards of protecting existing trees and creating new green space.

- Additionally, the proposed development is likely to affect the patterns of water movement in and around the ancient woodland – which could permanently change the habitat in the ancient woodland in ways that are difficult to predict.

- I'm aware that Yorkshire Water have stated there is not sufficient access to drains and have no plans to increase capacity in this area - meaning the development seems risky and unsustainable.

- I believe this development increases the risk of settlements coalescing – going against one of the primary reasons that greenbelt exists. And I understand that there are known archaeological remains in the area of the proposed development which would be placed at risk if this went ahead.

- To all who are hoping to profit from this sort of development or are otherwise supportive, I would say – yes, we all need to make a living, and maybe we could say this is just one more field on the edge of one more village next to one more protected habitat... but there are other ways to make a living, which gradually improve our environment rather than gradually destroying it. We only have one planet, and there's scientific consensus that we're on an unsustainable trajectory in terms of water, species, habitat and other resources that are easy to take for granted. But these are ultimately things that underpin both our wellbeing and our food supply. Let's be mindful of what kind of world we want our children and grandchildren to inherit.