

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>I wish to strongly object to the proposed development on green belt land at Upper Cumberworth. I do not live next to the site, in fact I live in the next village, so this objection is not about protecting my own view or opposing all development. In fact, I live on a new build estate myself and fully understand that new housing is needed in the right locations. However, this proposal is completely inappropriate and unacceptable for this site. Green belt exists for a reason. This development would urbanise open countryside, damage the rural character of the area and place significant pressure on wildlife habitats and the surrounding environment. What concerns me most is the potential impact on the ancient woodland and the wildlife that depends on this landscape. This area is clearly valued by local people for walking, recreation and access to nature. The thought of heavy construction, increased traffic, noise and pollution being introduced so close to such an important natural environment is deeply upsetting. I regularly walk through and around this area and it is one of the reasons villages such as Upper Cumberworth remain special. It provides openness, tranquillity and a genuine connection to nature that cannot simply be recreated elsewhere once destroyed. My son is also a pupil at Cumberworth First School and has taken part in school walks, outdoor learning and excursions through the woodland and surrounding countryside near the proposed site. He absolutely loves these experiences and it is incredibly sad to think that future children could lose part of that connection to nature because of unnecessary development on protected green belt land. There are many places better suited for housing than protected green belt land bordering ancient woodland. Approving this application would set a dangerous precedent and would show a disregard for the countryside, wildlife and the wishes of the wider local community. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that this application is refused.</p>	