



I have been watching with interest the developments that have taken place over the last 10 months in regard to the proposal of 123 houses and I have been very disappointed to hear how the developers have conducted themselves:

There has been Insufficient community engagement, many of the Cumberworth residents have said in the news that the pre-application consultation was inadequate or not meaningfully undertaken. Their list of concerns is extensive and consistent across hundreds of representations, on your online portal I can see that there are now nearly 700 objections!

This is not a marginal level of public opposition—it is substantial, informed, and persistent.

It has also been of interest to me to read the following comments submitted by The West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service:

- WYASS have said that the landscape contains significant evidence of:
  - o Prehistoric occupation
  - o Roman occupation
- And that they recommend that a programme of archaeological evaluation is carried out before the application is determined.
- They also tell us that the site lies along the historic Barnsley Road frontage and that this creates potential for previously unrecorded:
  - o Medieval settlement activity
  - o “Toft and croft” activity
- They also say that Historic Ordnance Survey mapping identifies a large shaped barn extending into the eastern part of the site from Lane Head Farm and that they consider some subsurface remains of this structure may still survive. They have recommended that a two-stage archaeological investigation process consisting of:
  - o A magnetometer geophysical survey, followed by
  - o Trial trenching to assess the nature and significance of any anomalies identified.

Interesting to think about the history in this field alone, maybe in time to come it may be excavated but in the meantime having read and heard all that I have, I can not see how building on this GREENBELT field, over such potential history beneath it, can be right and so I strongly ask that you do not to approve this application.