

Objection to the Vivly Living Proposal at Land South of Barnsley Road, Upper  
Cumberworth

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As a resident of the village of Upper Cumberworth I am familiar with the walking routes around the area. One route I have only ever walked once during my years here is the main road to Denby Dale which Vivly Living proposes offers a sustainable and suitable option for their residents to utilise to access the amenities in Denby Dale.

They have obviously never attempted this walk themselves as they have firstly failed to work out their distances correctly and secondly, they may have realised just how dangerous this route is.

I took my life in my own hands last weekend, opting for Sunday morning when I hoped there may be less traffic especially HGVs, to take the photographs below.

I can only imagine the how much more terrified I would have been if it was during peak hours or when dark which would be the norm if the proposed residents were to utilise this path to get to work and back in the darker months.

The footway is far too narrow, a pram would have to straddle the road so a wheelchair would have no chance and the walk is longer and steeper than most people would find comfortable.

I wouldn't expect the planning officers would wish to put themselves through the experience so please see photographs below.

The proposed development is absolutely not in a sustainable location and would result in occupiers which were reliant on car travel.



Photograph 1 – Footway too narrow, no opportunity to widen.



Photograph 2 – narrow footway, having to lean over, torso is at risk of being struck. Vehicles emerging at speed around blind bend. No streetlights.



Photograph 3 – Wall collapse. The whole length of this wall is structurally unsound and poses a serious hazard to pedestrians. Footway would need to be closed and there is no footway at the other side of the road for diversion.



Photograph 4 – This lorry had moved itself over to straddle the lane in the other direction on seeing me, the driver obviously realised I was at risk. Poses a serious hazard if traffic had been travelling in the other direction at that moment on the bend.

Another major risk associated with the proposals is the risk from fallen trees, or branches, which are not uncommon within ancient woodland. The photograph below was taken in March 26.



Photograph 5 – Photo showing an instance of a fallen limb, this one was approximately 30m long, to develop withing 15m of ancient woodland would be a severe safety hazard.