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Dear Elizabeth Huddle,

I am writing in response to the full planning application for the erection of 200 dwellings & associated works at Hollin Cross Farm, Woodplumpton Road (your ref. FUH/2022/0149).

I formally object to this planning application proposals for the reasons outlined below.

(1) The plot of land subject to this application is a prominent greenfield site in active agricultural production as cattle grazing pasture & it being in an elevated position in attractive open countryside a housing development there would constitute an inappropriate & unreasonable expansion of urban sprawl into an important part of the Pennine upland landscape heritage.

(2) The low intensity cattle grazing pasture on this plot of land forms a valuable mosaic of wildlife habitats comprising unimproved neutral grassland, areas of marshy & rushy grassland, wet ditches & a pond which together support a wide range of wild flower, grass & sedge flora species. This varied mosaic of habitats & their vegetation mix are an important breeding & foraging resource for upland birds, notably Skylark, Meadow Pipit & Reed Bunting & occasionally Lapwing & Snipe. The ecological surveys accompanying the application recorded over 50 species of flora present on the site & found 29 bird species utilizing the site, including 8 species on Section 41 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 which confirms the site's importance for wildlife.

Consequently, this housing development would result in a significant & unacceptable loss of biodiversity & Pennine upland landscape & therefore for the reasons explained above I formally object to this housing development proposal.

Yours sincerely

PETER HORNBY