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Site 335: Land West of Roundhill Road, Hurworth **Site 396: West of Roundhill Road (North), Hurworth**

The potential building plots stated above are situated across our only right of access to our property. The privately owned unmade track connects our farm, an adjacent farm and four additional private dwellings.

The track is used multiple times daily by our business for large bulk deliveries and trailed machinery in and out of our property to Roundhill Road. Live stock need to be transported in and out.

There is no other route, exit, entrance. There is a public right of way that is used daily from Roundhill Road up the track then across the potential site.

Looking at the original planning application for part of the site that has now been refused, it would be necessary to remove hedging, the track, PROW and deal with the flooding issues down the RoundHill end. How would we gain access to our property? How could we serve our customers if we cannot leave our business and home?

Our utility services run down the track.

This farmland has been in our family for three generations.

Trying to plan our business needs is not sustainable if we cannot guarantee our access on our own track from one lot of five years to the next. The current developers are determined to build. They will appeal when the time is up.

The main route into the village from Darlington is down Roundhill Road. There is already a bottle neck issue with turning into the village as its reduced to a single road next to the shop with double yellow lines.

There is no footpath along the road to the new estates. It is unsafe. There is no footpath to darlington Further traffic would be unmanageable and dangerous especially for start and end of the school days. Because there is no footpath the parents are travelling to the schools in the village in vehicles, more traffic.

It has been stated by the parish council that the affordable housing quota will be reached via the new estate passed for development next to the stadium. Therefore we no longer require any further housing estates on RoundHill Road.

Hurworth should not be the fall guy for Darlington when there is very clearly large areas of brown field sites available just up the very accessible A66.

Just because a farmer wants to offer up his land for development doesn't mean residents, neighbours, land owners and business owners should be in fear of losing their livelihood and way of life for greed and unnecessary building on greenbelt land.

These potential plots should be removed entirely for the next 20 years and only be re offered if Darlington cannot maintain its own housing requirements.