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About the application

Application number: 2024/91242	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development (up to 50 dwellings) with associated access,
Address of the site or building:	Land north east of, Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield, HD4 6XW
Postcode:	LS23 7BA

User comments

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I am horrified to read the proposal to build on green belt agricultural land which borders onto ancient woodland in the hamlet of Stocksmoor. It is effectively tacking a housing estate onto a village which in recent years has had substantial development already, doubling in size.

The proposed access is on a bend on a road which is single track and goes through ancient woodland to link Stocksmoor with Shepley. This is the same access plan that was denied under a planning application in 1970. This proposal would leave 100 cars accessing and exiting the site onto a bend of a single track road. It also adds considerably to the number of cars already using the routes through Stocksmoor and other local villages.

The field in question has been farmed continuously since we moved into our family home on 12 Station Road 54 years ago. It is a haven to wildlife including badgers. I see no evidence of a survey for badgers, bats or great crested newts. There is a dry stone wall at the bottom of the gardens of the houses on Station Road which borders the field. The plans seem to indicate that this will be replaced by a fence. The wall is typical of the area and has stood effectively as a boundary for over 54 years and its removal will have a negative impact and potentially damage trees in the gardens of existing residents.

While I see that Kirklees has considered the impact on local schools I do not see an investigation into the impact on dental or GP surgeries in the area. It is already difficult to obtain a GP appointment in Shepley and this would be made much worse by this development and the new development in Shepley, which has not been completely taken up. With the developments at Shepley, Penistone and Lepton is there actually need for further development of Stocksmoor, which I believe would ruin the character and beauty of the village.

The drainage for the site is questionable. The existing houses on Station Road have had problems with drainage of the gardens over the years as this area was used for taking on water for the steam trains. With climate change and likely more heavy rainfall the removal of the natural drainage provided by the field will lead to more runoff and likely add to existing issues.