

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>I was born and brought up in Stocksmoor and have slowly watched my family home be impacted by an increase in housing and of course the traffic that arises from this. I am a keen cyclist and runner and love and have benefited from the wonderful countryside that I have been brought up in. I also have witnessed frequent ramblers through the village who come to enjoy the views.</p> <p>Over my life time I have seen the serenity being compromised by the increase of vehicular use as people avoid the main roads at Penistone Road and New Mill. The safety for cyclists is compounded on the narrow lane of Shepley Road, Birks Lane , Dam Hill and Fullstone Road due to the sheer increase in the volume on roads that were not designed for the car.</p> <p>I understand the land has been 'safeguarded' to build homes to cover the housing gap. I find this statement a misnomer given the choice of Stocksmoor which is not a housing estate, but will be if the plans are around and the sheer lack of infrastructure.</p> <p>I am also shocked and disheartened that there appears to have been very little local public exposure, I am sure as we would have been horrified.</p> <p>The 'public consultation' from the builders and the LA feel clandestine and lacking in transparency.</p> <p>Stocksmoor has suffered since the smaller but impacting build at Stocksmead. It is an eye sore and it has reduced the amount of migrating birds in the village not to mention adversely impacted on the aesthetics of the village.</p> <p>This new site is abhorrent and stands on the site of views across the valley to Emley and next to our beloved woods, not to mention at the brow of a small, stretched cart track used as a road.</p> <p>I have read the flawed traffic report that relies on traffic through Dam hill, also a narrow road, the use of home working which is not a government initiative post covid. The move is to get people back into the offices, hence the increase of the traffic back to what it was post covid. I am puzzle by the 1984 assertion of a traffic officers policing the new occupants in refraining from a motor car.</p> <p>From October to March the road become treacherous due to leaves, ice and water. I have myself been knocked off the bike.</p> <p>The only pavements in the village are along the one side of Stocksmoor Road, Cross Lane and Station road. There are no foot paths along the path to Shepley to</p>	

Lane and Station road. There are no foot paths along the path to Shepley, to Thurstonland and New Mill. Birks lane is very precarious under foot , I have fallen on that pavement due to the poor surface.

It is not a place for the disabled , elderly or infirm to walk.

The rail is haphazard and when going to college I frequently had to miss days due to cancellations and the buses are sometimes two hourly but most of the time there is no bus service at all and no public transport to Kirkburton, Holmfirth or New Mill.

The basis for the application is :

Economy- There will be NO economic gain for local people other than for perhaps trades people for the very disruptive build time.

Social- It will detract our many walking and cycling visitors due to the increase in traffic and the destruction of our gem of a green village.

Environmental- The village is a rural and our environment has already been eroded by the increase in builds in Farnley, Stocksmoor, Shepley and Storthes hall. This will further impact on the ecology and beauty of our special village.

I ask the planners to reject the application and protect our village and indeed care for all the beautiful rural villages that sit in and around Huddersfield and Holmfirth. There are many areas such as the Town centre where housing would fit the criteria NOT the places where many people visit for rest bite and well being.

This was evidenced during covid where people walked around our village from our bordering village.

We need to invest in our town centre and develop this not our beautiful green belt.

The planners suggest that the land is of no value as it is grassland, it was working farm land abutting the woods with sheep. It is grassland in a rural village framing a view across the valley to Emley. A children's park is not required when people are having the natural play ground of the environment destroyed.

We have a park in the village that Lord Norton gave to the village , perhaps the council council could support this being updated rather than destroy our village by making it a suburb.