

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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<p>I object to the proposed plans as it does not benefit the current residents nor environment.</p> <p>The infrastructure in Stocksmoor (roads, parking, pavements) doesn't meet the current demands of existing residents. Moving around our village is dangerous – walking or driving [Shepley/Fulstone crossroads, near head-on accident, vehicle failing to stop on junction].</p> <p>Reducing car dependency, I regularly walk, the only route out of the village on a pavement is down Birks Lane to Thunder Bridge, this narrow slippery pavement, is steep, over-grown, very dark and floods in winter. All remaining routes require awareness of walking on busy roads, a torch in winter, most are single track shared with head on traffic, often traffic travelling at speed – it's dangerous - regularly witnessing aggressive driving from frustrated drivers using the existing busy roads as a rat-run.</p> <p>Living in Stocksmoor requires journeys to school, doctors, shops etc. all require walking without pavements on busy roads – suggesting residents/parents/children etc. will walk is not realistic (seldom happens now in Stocksmoor). Our daughter used the hourly train for 4 years to Honley High School and Greenhead College, often arriving late, regularly left stranded at dark stations frequently requiring emergency picking up (buses don't service that route and are every 2 hours).</p> <p>Real experience suggests, most/all new homes will rely on their cars for basic transport needs (proposed ~50 houses, 100s additional vehicles, deliveries, building traffic..) all add countless additional journeys increasing traffic on already dangerous roads with a track record of many accidents.</p> <p>The proposed site access on a blind bend is a nonsense, suggesting an unsustainable and ill thought out plan rushed through planning [Kirklees Highways deem unsuitable citing; visibility, collision risk, road width, etc.].</p>	

With no employment within Stocksmoor, most will need to travel to work (economic). As a professional with a global strategy role, also someone who moved to Stocksmoor to reduce car dependency - I have really struggled using public transport over the past 6 years, be it regularly to London, or beyond via Manchester Airport for international business meetings – I've been forced to travel by car. Train and bus services are woeful if they run at all ... poor connections, limitations early morning/late evening - the practical reality is it's; cheaper, quicker, easier, and often the only practical option is to DRIVE [significantly worse than 6 years ago, less trains, longer journey times: 1 hour quicker to Manchester airport driving (each way!), reaching London before 10 requires driving to Wakefield...].

Any arguments based on green travel are flawed, predicated without any consideration of train schedules, modern work patterns, nor local knowledge. Most houses will need a minimum of 2 cars, more traffic on roads that are simply not safe now.

The basis of living in the countryside, is to live in harmony with our surroundings, not to live in densely populated housing blighted with traffic, conflicted with a significant lack of infrastructure – this is neither sustainable, nor economically viable and detracts from the beautiful environment we share with the local ecology.