



Stocksmoor is a small community which has seen new development over the years, the proposal to build another 50 homes on open land is too many increasing the size by some 30%.

Access to & from the proposed site is off Shepley Rd, to the left is a sharp bend with poor visibility & no pavements, it turns to a narrow road almost immediately & continues towards Shepley & beyond. In many cases it is single track with no purpose built passing places, confrontation with oncoming vehicles is commonplace, & is regularly used as a "short cut" to avoid the main road, & is on the national cycle route. Travellers from the south & east are brought along this route by their Sat Nav. To the right is a narrow two way road leading to a poorly marked crossroad, which in the last 6 months has had 4 accidents all due to speeding. Roads off the crossroad & beyond are unsuitable for any increased volume of traffic, with one turning to a single track once passed the current housing. Indeed until you reach the A629 or A635 all of the roads entering or exiting the village are narrow & to be driven cautiously, the site has provision for over 100 cars.

The development is to be built on a raised site with mismatched properties blocking the current open aspect, they will also look down onto the residents who reside to the adjacent Station & Shepley roads.

There are several underground watercourses in the vicinity of the site, excess water after heavy or prolonged rainfall has always been an issue. To the north of the site is the railway, where Network Rail have restrained the cutting to avoid erosion/landslip, & the drainage on the railway itself is regularly cleared to avoid flooding.

The development will destroy the local wildlife, deer & badgers are regularly seen, & owls & bats inhabit the area, who feed on the wildlife who dwell on the site. Ground nesting & other common, & not so common birds are frequent in the area, (will they remain?)

The area is not adequately serviced by all utilities & public transport, water pressure varies across the village, electricity is subject to powercuts, poor Internet connection, will the sewers handle any more waste?. There is a train service every hour in both directions on the Penistone line between 6am & 11pm, & a two hourly bus service Monday to Saturday (none on Sundays). There are no shops, no school, no place of worship, & with all health provision it is outside the village, therefore in most cases accessed by car.