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I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed development of new houses on Shepley Road, bordering Lower Stone Woods.

This development or any further large housing project in this area would have devastating consequences for both the community and local wildlife.

Shepley Road, leading into stone wood Lane is a narrow country lane, which goes thru a haven of wildlife thanks to the fortunately low volume of vehicles using it. It mainly serves as a through way for residents of the small surrounding villages to get to the already over subscribed GP surgery and schools.

The impact of building such a development here would cause years of inconvenience, would stop vulnerable people accessing their GP, force mile long detours to take children to school, impact residents mental wellbeing with the noise and heavy machinery. Wildlife would be massively impacted, the area is a bastion for ground nesting birds, hedgehogs, badgers, roe deer and countless other species. Building such an undertaking on top of this biodiversity would destroy it.

Once built, it would bring 100 to 200 new people, potentially a 50% population increase to Stocksmoor! There is a well known correlation between population density and increased mental health problems. As mentioned before, the road which would lead to this development is nowhere near sufficient for this amount of new people and traffic. The local schools are already at capacity, Stocksmoor itself has no school, this number of extra houses would require a school in Stocksmoor. Is this going to happen?

Stocksmoor residents are mainly split between the neighbouring villages GP surgeries, Shepley and Kirkburton. There is no GP in the village. This number of extra houses would require a GP surgery in Stocksmoor. Is this going to happen?

These extra residents will also bring more cats and dogs to a rural area where vulnerable species, such as ground nesting birds, are already living on a knife edge. This development will be a death sentence to our wildlife. Local farming would suffer as increased number of dog walkers will scare or harm stock and spread disease. People not used to rural areas would ultimately damage fields, footpaths and the wildlife that comes with it.

With no local shops, a tiny, outdated village hall, one small playing field and narrow surrounding roads, this development would change Stocksmoor from a quaint peaceful village where residents have few mental health issues thanks to the surrounding natural beauty, into a stressful, chaotic mess, with busy dangerous roads, and dwindling wildlife.

This development cannot go ahead!

Regards,

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