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Re Objection to the application 2024/9124 (2024 /62/91242/E)

I would like to object to the current proposal for outline planning permission for the land North East of Shepley Road Stocksmoor for the erection of 50 houses.

I have been born and brought up in Thurstonland and feel privileged to enjoy the countryside. I have over the years been lucky to watch badgers, deer and an array of wild birds not to mention enjoy the fabulous fauna and flora.
I was distressed to read that there is a proposal to increase the hamlet that is Stocksmoor by 30% and take away another vital ecosystem and hunting ground for the many animals and birds that use that adjacent field. The proposal will take out the view and light across to Emley and make what is an unhospitable track more dangerous than it is. When I was a child traffic was minimal and the track used essentially as a farm traffic and light local transport. As more people have moved in , the network of cart tracks that are around the villages between the main roads are like a rally track at times. There are no pavements on these cart tracks and a walker, rider and cyclist must be vigilant and brave to take to the routes.

The traffic proposal makes no sense and is not in line with the truth. The routes on the roads are not fit for safe passage especially with the significant increase in the size of the village.
Please note that the village has already grown to capacity with the building of the houses at Stocksmead and Crangle Fields. The villages around the area including the proposed site already suffer being used as a rat run. The additional overflow from all those escaping the mele on Penistone Road and the other surrounding man roads.
I have been on the receiving end of much road rage on those tracks as people are taking to try and drive at the allotted speed of the road 60 mph. Placing a housing estate here will be agreeing to the ultimate death or serious injury of the users. The proposal from the traffic consultant to turn right is ludicrous and also dangerous as this places strain on the narrow country roads up Dam Hill and to road past the Woodman. In general terms the villages cannot take any additional strain.

I have been brought up in this area all my life and my elderly parents, that I care for still reside in Thurstonland , so over the years have seen less infrastructure and more people and vehicles.
The proposal is simply unsustainable. I recall the shop in Stocksmoor shutting in the 70s. We also had a far more regular bus service and there was a host of provisions coming into the village, the bread man, scrap man, Rington tea, Greengrocers , Fishman, butcher and of course then the Dr would visit. A visit to the over subscribed GPs will be even more difficult.

It will be more dangerous to walk because of the increase in cars and to try and get there in a car will be slower and more dangerous as there will be more cars on the road. The cart road alongside this site has recently suffered from environmental impact issues of considerable subsidence and the deterioration from our current climate persistent rain caused a mud slide across a bad bend blocking use of the carriageway for a lengthy period before it could be reached and repaired or accessible again by traffic or footfall between Shepley and the proposed Stocksmoor site. Any further flow of traffic will increase the already delicate slopes and trees that run along the infrastructure of the cart road that is clearly not supported enough for two way access by occasional vehicles let along attempting making it a regular access or route as it is a single small vehicle width it is impassable and already very dangerous and I have witnessed many crashes. Recently I have had a big Land-rover plough recklessly on a bend and scratched my car wing as forced into the cart road brambles and branches. Cyclists get limbs clipped by speeding cars along this route. Safety concerns are high already and that the cart road will not be compromised and suffer further damage making it impassable longterm.

I cannot underestimate the benefit the area has had and still has to my mental health and wellbeing. Whilst a single mum I have brought my two boys on the many walks along the Beck in the woods that run through the land. The area is special due to the riverbed and the very unique stone casts on the riverbed. I frequently have seen deer drinking from the river at the bottom .

I am deeply concerned that the housing company have not done their research correctly and have noticed proof of that because there is a lot of text in the document that mention other areas, it appears to be cut and pasted lifted documentation not relevant in entirety. They more importantly have not considered the geology of the area. Stocksmoor is fairly unique due to its , 'crangles' (wells). They cross cross across the village. I am aware that there was a natural reservoir that served the steam train. This has been drained, but the water will still be there and may well explain the many boggy fields and the natural springs. Where will all the water go if they build and what will happen to the water ways?
The Beck needs to be protected; it is a habitat for many of the creatures of the wood. This may well have the potential to poison the Beck and thereby the many creatures that use it.

There is a mass of wildlife in the wood and do recall that this area has significant wildlife value to the area.

The village simply does not have the infrastructure to support the amount of people and not to mention traffic that will come from such a development.
Thurstonland has always been a small school and Shepley is not a lot bigger. As an educational professional working locally I am told that the immediate schools are up to capacity as are the surgeries at Kirkburton and Shepley.
I am passionate about protecting the villages that give us respite and help us enjoy our precious environment. I would ask you to invest more on the unoccupied and accessible housing that has been abandoned , rather than taking away the important natural heritage of this beautiful area.
My parents continue to be habitants of this beautiful area for over 52 years now , they are also deeply concerned about the inappropriate location/ attributes of the site making it entirely inappropriate property proposal and amongst the already over compromised the 3 villages surrounding this green belt area, why when there are so many alternative developments available especially brown sites and abandoned empty eyesore's available for housing developments without impacting on the immediate nature and not reduction of quality of countryside.

The report from Newitts suggest that the loss of this land is not important as it is mot important land. This land is essential for the many animals that live in the woods and up to know have been safe.
It is also vital for the well being of the community and wildlife and wider for all future generations to enjoy.

Regards