

## 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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>This site is allocated as a safeguarded land. Safeguarded land was put in place to ensure that green belt boundaries would last until the end of the local plan ( 2031). This site is still classed still as safeguarded in the draft of the updated Kirklees plan. There has been no reasonable case put forward for releasing this green belt land for development before the end of the current local plan. To build on this land would require a review of the local plan and a reassessment of all the safeguarded sites in the area, and to assess whether sustainable development is possible at the site. With the lack of local transport and amenities this cannot be classed as the most sustainable development available. The development is not consistent with the strategic objectives in the plan, in particular in protecting characteristics of the local environment.</p> <p>If the only legal argument for using this site for development is the potential lack of 5 year housing supply in Kirklees, this in itself is not enough argument to outweigh the loss of green belt land. There are other sites that could be used to fill the shortfall in Kirklees so this opportunistic proposal should not be given planning permission.</p> <p>The transport/roads issues are covered in other objections but the entrance to the site is wholly unsuitable and cannot be considered as safe. The road to Shepley is not suitable for carrying more traffic than it currently does. Contrary to the developers' assumptions Shepley road would be used by the majority of traffic because all the closest amenities are in Shepley. There is no safe walking route to Shepley for residents without cars or for children. The Pennine cycle , that is a much appreciated amenity for the whole community, will be radically altered with the increase in traffic.</p>	