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Dear Planning

I write in dismay when I read of yet another attack on the green belt.

I have seen the increase on the shrinkingage of the precious green belt in and around kirklees. I am old enough to recall the destruction of the Grimscar valley which has made that area an urban sprawl from a piteresque valley.

Now the attack appears to be the rural villages in and around kirklees.

The Towns have been left to decline with brown fill ignored as it's too expensive ! With buildings left unoccupied.

Develop our towns first to attract the wealth.

I live in Meltham, but I have established, deep rooted family all over Huddersfield and Holmfirth.

I have watched Meltham deteriorate rapidly and the valley struggle with the increase in unnecessary housing and limited amenities.

It is now part of the urban sprawl.

This is also going on in Honley and Holmfirth another valley in Magdale destroyed.

Across the Colne valley too and it is truly depressing and needs addressing.

The villages are becoming striped of their individuality as they are merged by modern new boxes.

I now read about the proposal to build 50 houses in the hamlet of Stocksmoor at the edge of the ancient woods next to a minor farm road of Shepley Road.

The amount of houses are simply unsustainable.

1. Stocksmoor had been forced into accomodating the retired development of crangle fields, cosmopolitan houses by Conroy and Booth at Stocksmoor Road to accommodate the more comfortable middle classes and of course more recently the very badly designed Stocksmead. It was a small farming village with workers to Storthes Hall.

The hamlet has been stretched into a village. Thankfully just about keeping it's rural identity.

The proposal will destroy what the village is.

2. The 'public consultation' was hardly public as the proposal was submitted to the La before the close of the 10 day period. It felt like a presumption. The means of communication was by an

innocuous postcard which was easily put to one side and confined to some houses in Stocksmoor. Shepley and Thurstonland have had no notification. The local people have been placed on the back foot.

3. The documentation from the builders has no integrity. In some of the documents it states other areas and the facts are wrong. For example the regularity of the bus service is blatantly wrong. It has not been hourly for years.

4. There is a suggestion that the area proposed is a wasteland, it is not, it is a vital hunting and feeding ground for the many diverse creatures that live in the woods. This area is an area enjoyed by many. It is not a piece of land that has no value. It was farmed and was cut last week.

5. The area is sloped to the beck which becomes flooded. Where is the residue from the disturbance to go. To further pollute and impact on our waterways would be disastrous.

6. The views across the valley here is beautiful and the 2.5 storey buildings will block the light and valley.

7. The traffic report is simply ridiculous. It assumes people will limit their trips, work from home and turn right for the longest route. It is just nonsense. Shepley road has blind bends and single track for most.

Quite frankly it can be very scary walking on the road. In the winter it is often closed and the other routes are also treacherous due to the valleys and hills.

Not to mention egress and access on a bend.

8. I stay in Stocksmoor frequently as my relatives live there and I know how busy the roads are with the use of the village as a rat run avoiding the busy Penistone road. This will put even more strain on the roads.

9. The proposal is dangerous and unsustainable.

10. The villages in this area are not just important to the locals but to the many visitors that walk, ride and cycle between the villages. It is important that the local authority protect these areas as they assist with well being for all.

11. I note there is no detailed report on the geology and water table. I know there was a natural reservoir nearby and springs. There is no report to consider flooding, which I understand is a legal requirement. The area suffers with flooding.

12. There is no detailed environment impact statement.

13. The schools do not have capacity.

14. The railway is not realistic as it's unreliable and very expensive.

15. The surgeries are up to capacity.

I ask that my observations be considered and the proposal be rejected.

I would like my e mail be acknowledged please,

Regards

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