

About the application

Application number: 2024/62/91242/E	
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

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Stocksmoor has recently had a development on Cross Lane which increased the size of the village by around 15%. A further 50 houses will result in an increase of the size of the village of 65% in just a few years. Absolutely unsustainable destruction of a village. This has had an adverse effect on the already dangerous roads in and out of the village, Fulstone Road, (the route to Holmfirth), and Shepley Road, (the route to the nearest amenities in Shepley). Both roads are single track for a long distance, have no street lighting and no pavements. I've lived in the area for 57 years and the traffic on these roads has increased exponentially leading to numerous snarl ups on a daily basis. Many of which have resulted in road rage incidents as vehicles from both directions refuse to back down. Sometimes these snarl ups can take 15-20 minutes to sort out as further traffic arrives at the scene from both directions. Cyclists and horse riders are in danger on these roads due to the volume and speed of the traffic and the numerous blind bends.

Shepley doctors surgery and Shepley dentists are so full it has become almost impossible to get an appointment. The local schools are full and the development would mean that some of the local children could miss out on a place at school with their friends/siblings.

Yorkshire water are very much aware of the flooding of the main sewer pipe which runs through a nature reserve known as Thunderbridge Meadows and run by the Garganey Trust, (<https://garganeytrust.org.uk>). During periods of heavy rain the sewer pipe overflows distributing raw sewage, toilet paper etc. over the footpath running through the nature reserve. This often runs into the Fenay Beck which is home to species of trout and other wildlife. This has been caused by severe overdevelopment in the area, in particular the Shelley Park development in the early 1990s. This flooding is only getting worse as more and more surface water is discharged into these waterways. The development in Stocksmoor plans to discharge surface water into the stream that runs through the woodland at the bottom of the slope. This stream runs into Fenay Beck at Corn Mill Bottom. People washing cars etc. on the new development will be discharging soapy water and other chemicals into this stream. I would suggest that the developer is trying to avoid building an underground rainwater catchment tank on the development. But the result will be polluted streams.

This field and the adjacent woodland is home to a vast range of wildlife including deer, badgers, foxes, various owl species including barn owls, bull finches, goldfinches, woodpeckers, (including the Green Woodpecker), long tailed tits and the list goes on. The recent development in the field on Cross Lane has seen the birds disappear from local gardens. These species will disappear from the area in the vicinity of the development.

The development seems designed for maximum profit for the developer and landowner and minimum consideration for anything/anybody else.

I see no reason for anymore houses being built in Stocksmoor or any other of our surrounding villages. It is becoming difficult to know where one village ends and the next one begins. They are being turned into towns and the pressure on local infrastructure has become unsustainable. Decision makers ought to realise that it will adversely affect their children and grandchildren who may aspire to live in a nice village equally as much as it will adversely affect mine.