

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>I strongly object to the proposed development off Shepley Road, Stocksmoor for the following reasons:</p> <p>Safeguarded Land</p> <p>The land is allocated as "Safeguarded Land" and therefore should be protected from future development. There is insufficient justification for changing the use of this land, which clearly has productive agricultural use, being a good size, free draining, and sheltered</p> <p>Traffic Concerns</p> <p>I have serious objections on the grounds that this development would increase the volume of traffic both during construction and when residents move in on roads that already have significant safety issues. The road through Stone Wood from Stocksmoor to Shepley is already used by many locals and those being guided by a Sat Nav. It is dangerous. The road has numerous blind bends, is a single track road with very limited passing places at some places on blind bends there are no passing places. It has steep inclines or walls either side of the single-track road. There is no safe pedestrian walkways. There are already with numerous accidents or incidents with traffic trying to pass each other. The only other route to Shepley out the village is via Penistone Rd down Birks Lane into Thunderbridge and up Dam Hill is already to busy to cope with another 100 cars. Again this route has a single track bridge and tight residential road which is tight to navigate. Any backed up traffic on Dam Hill will cause traffic to back up on Penistone Rd with potential for serious accidents, 2 cars can't pass each other at the top. Simply put Stocksmoor and surrounding road network to leave the village is unable to take any more traffic than it already deals with. 50 new houses risks putting, potentially, another 100 cars on the road in that area plus construction traffic. The roads cannot take that volume.</p> <p>The access to the proposed development is located on a blind bend that is already dangerous both for vehicles and for any pedestrians</p>	

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Negative impact on the village / community

Recent developments in the centre of Stocksmoor have already hugely increased the number of houses in the village and this “dilution” of community would be further impacted by a 50-house development, which is far too many houses to be built in a small village like Stocksmoor. Its nearly doubles the size of the village. The character risks being taken away by the number of modern developments, but the scale of this one is significant, and therefore it’s effects would be significant. The design of the development is also out of character for Stocksmoor– The design of the properties themselves and the layout of the site is not in keeping with the character of the village.

Negative, adverse visual impact on the landscape

This development will cause a adverse visual impact on Stocksmoor the view along Station Rd, Stocksmoor would be significantly altered. The current view along Station Rd, Stocksmoor is of houses and fields behind the houses, if this very large development goes ahead the view will be negatively impacted, changing the outlook and look of the whole village.

On the whole, there are far too many more reasons to decline this proposal than there are to approve it. Kirklees cannot, in all good conscience, allow developments like this to go ahead when there are so many ex-industrial and brown-field sites, in addition to disused buildings, which would better serve future development while limiting the impact on nature and other residents. Small, well considered and in-keeping, developments in villages such as these can have a positive impact, but this is not one of them. The local plan was put in place for a reason, and this site was not included.