

## 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	
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<p>I object to this application being approved because the proposed properties would occupy greenfield land and would increase the size of Stocksmoor village by 30%. The design of the proposed houses is totally out of keeping with the ethos of a small tranquil village and is not sustainable on many fronts.</p> <p>The materials proposed are brick or artificial stone with concrete roof tiles in a village where dwellings are mostly stone built with slate tiles. Poor quality housing laid out on a housing estate grid system with no extra trees - just bushes here and there, would be letting down this attractive village where walkers come from miles away for relaxing exercise in clean fresh air and countryside surroundings.</p> <p>The proposed two and a half storey high buildings would tower from behind over the attractive single storey stone bungalows in Station Road and would present an erratic and visually detrimental skyline.</p> <p>Developers say exit from the site would be through Shepley via Stones Wood Road but this is unlikely because of the narrow nature of this road and the fact that vehicles cannot pass one another in many places. The volume of vehicles produced by 50 new houses on the road at roughly the same time would not allow residents of nearby villages to go about their normal day-to-day business. Confrontation between drivers over passing rights already exists from time to time.</p> <p>The developers claim that homeworkers would reduce the numbers leaving the site daily but their needs would only increase the incoming deliveries and services they require.</p> <p>Shepley Road is also part of the Pennine Trail used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders.</p> <p>It is more likely that the extra cars, delivery and utility vehicles would exit the new site by the Shepley Road/ Fulstone Road route to Penistone Road at Thunderbridge, causing queues of traffic and increased air and noise pollution throughout Stocksmoor village at an already busy junction.</p> <p>Light pollution and noise at night would interfere with the biodiversity of animals in the Stones Wood area where there are currently habitats for badgers, deer, hedgehogs, rabbits and bats. They would gradually leave the area if they</p>	

badgers, deer, hedgehogs, rabbits and bats. They would gradually leave the area if they felt their needs and habitats were threatened in any way. Additional street lights and illuminated signage on the new estate would cause them to seek more peaceful habitats elsewhere.

The field where the housing is proposed is part of a green lung separating the villages of Stocksmoor and Shepley. It acts as a big sponge to soak up surface water around it. It is known that there is an underground dam and streams gathering below the field hence the ancient names nearby of Dam Hill, Crangle Wells, Dam Side etc.. Much of this water was previously used to supply steam trains in times gone by. Run-off water has to go somewhere when surfaces are concreted over and could well lead to flooding on the railway lines that run down the side of the field close to the suggested houses.

Electricity in Stocksmoor is controlled from a small substation which regularly fails in the cold winters. From last December onwards there were three power cuts affecting over 300 homes at monthly intervals for varying periods. The Power Authority claimed they were caused each time by some part not being strong enough to meet demand and had had to be attended to each time there was a failure. It can be assumed that another 50 houses would need an entirely new sub station at considerable expense.