

**Re planning application ref 2024/62/91242/E**

**Newlett homes land north east of Shepley road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield, HD4 6XW**

I object to the proposed development.

We moved to Stocksmoor 21 years ago, drawn by the peace and tranquillity that this rural village provides. Surrounded by wonderful green fields and woodland, it has been a lovely place to live.

I despair that it was even considered that this green bit of countryside could be chosen as a possible location for a housing development.

Looking at the plans for this proposed estate, it is apparent that it would certainly not blend in with the charm and character of the village but would instead stand out like a sore thumb.

Such a development would also obliterate long standing views of countryside for the people who currently live in the surrounding properties.

It also appears from said plan that the new houses backing onto the Station Road properties would overlook directly into the back gardens and rear rooms of current residents, taking away any privacy that they currently enjoy.

We already have plenty of traffic passing through the village, using it as a shortcut and this development would only add to those numbers.

The access to the proposed site would mean it would enter Shepley road on a blind bend at the top of an incline. That surely cannot be safe!

The lane itself (Stone Wood lane) is narrow and only wide enough for most of its length to Jos Lane, Shepley, for one vehicle. This lane is used by many as a cut through and volume of traffic would only get worse should these houses be built. We often walk to Shepley via this route and there is no footpath, and being so narrow it is already hazardous for pedestrians. Other lanes accessing the village of Stocksmoor are also narrow and difficult to navigate.

The lack of amenities in the village would mean more car journeys, more delivery vans, more pollution and an increased risk of accidents and impact severely upon the quiet nature of the village.

I appreciate housing has to be built but not at the expense of destroying the natural beauty of an area and impacting upon the well being of the existing residents.