

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

I deeply object to this planning application for the erection of 50 houses.

I regularly visit Stocksmoor. My family and I are keen walkers and we enjoy walking around this and the surrounding areas. I was disturbed to learn of the proposal to build on the land at the top of the hill going into the village from Shepley as I'm aware this is an area of great significance for the plants, animals and fauna that live there.

Across that valley are far reaching views to Emley across the woods. If the development were to be approved this would infringe on the view in a dramatic way.

When you undertake an internet search for the area of Stocksmoor in a search engine, it is described as a 'hamlet', this proposal will turn a hamlet into suburbia. My family and I utilise this area to walk in order to escape from large crowds of people as my son who has significant needs is unable to cope in large crowds.

It troubles me what significant damage this will cause to the habitat. It will destroy all that this area offers to the many walkers who enjoy the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the village.

Whilst walking the woods I have seen a significant range of birds and wildlife. I have seen lesser spotted woodpeckers, pied flycatchers, spotted fly catcher in addition to the more common songbirds that are becoming sadly rarer in the UK.

In the Summer months we often wait to watch the bats appear and I'm aware there are a significant number of bats in that area. As someone who takes an interest in the environment, I was concerned with regards to the contents of the environment reports that appear to have been completed in February.

This is an area of significance important for the wildlife and thereby the perpetuity of all that enjoy it.

The village simply does not have the infrastructure to support the amount of people and not to mention traffic that will come from such a development. We do keep to the woodland paths and limit the roads as there are no pavements.

I walk on the road through the woods, and it can often be tricky to navigate when vehicles travel along this road. It is wholly unsuitable for vehicles, although I acknowledge that farm traffic will need to use it, but this would be in keeping with the original intention of the road scheme. The roads around the villages are plagued by a marked increase in traffic. It is of great concern that if the development were granted permission this will further sabotage the peace which we as a family benefit from whilst walking in this area.

I would urge you to view this application with the correct level of scrutiny, taking account of the many valid objections already submitted against this development.

There are large swathes of empty buildings across the Kirklees district and within the town centres of Kirklees which require refurbishment and upgrading that could be repurposed into accommodation. This would be a more practical and sensible solution and one which is most importantly more sustainable.

This development simply is not, the design scheme is an over development of the site and does not offer the protection to the wildlife which have their habitats on the site. It will also reduce the amenity value within the area.