

2024/62/91242/E Land northeast of, Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield, HD4 6XW

This is an objection to the above planning request.

I have lived in Stocksmoor with my family all my life.

My mum has shown me the proposal to build on the land next to the woods going out to Shepley. I am really concerned on the proposal to build houses in our hamlet:

1. This estate will change how our hamlet is, that is a hamlet. I am told by my neighbour 60 years ago there was 6 working farms and only a handful of houses. I remember when Stocksmead was built and this changed Stocksmoor significantly so I was shocked to see that there was a suggestion to build more houses.

2. The traffic in our village is getting busier and busier as people cut through to get to town, Holmfirth, wherever. I am thankful that there are speed humps on our road.

I walk to school at Holmfirth high and we must navigate the roads with no pavements for a significant amount of it. There is also no street lighting which makes winter very dangerous, to add our uniform is black. Walking between the villages is hazardous.

3. The road where the development is proposed is not a road, but a rough car track lined with over hanging and rooted trees. When I walk down there, I feel I am increasingly taking a risk as this road is getting busier and many people drive too fast.

The trees that encroach look like they too are struggling with the amount of traffic and given the use of the road I think it will be dangerous.

This is much the same for the roads down to the Woodman and across to Dam Hill.

We simply have too much traffic in the village and this development will make it a whole lot worse.

4. I am really concerned and upset about the impact on the environment. There will be heightened pollution, debris coming from the building work and new occupants. I know that the beck easily gets flooded and has been polluted on many occasions.

Stones wood is an ancient woodland that needs to be protected and this development is far too close to the woods. I have seen so much wildlife in the woods and fields. There are badgers, bats, oystercatchers, curlews, barn owls, frogs, hedgehogs. In fact my family and I raised the need to ensure cattle grids are checked as hedgehogs fall into these. The added cats and dogs that come with the people will have a huge impact on the environment.

5. Stocksmoor is a place that is enjoyed by visitors that walk around the field and wood, this will be an area taken away from them. I saw so many people walk around this area during covid. Mental health is important isn't it?

6. We do not need another park, the park we have needs to be updated. It is not worth building a park to take away the natural park, aka the woods where I have played all my life. I am worried that this will be spoiled.

7. I am young and I am worried how my home will be destroyed and there will be nothing worth having left of my village.

8. There are no regular buses in the village and known that take me to Holmfirth we use the car, walking and cycling. My mum will not let me cycle alone and we do not go through stones wood on our bikes as it is too dangerous.

9. The place where the site is in on a bend, so is the junction at Dam hill. Stocksmoor will be more dangerous to live in.

10. I have seen plenty of areas that are barren and left which I think are called brown fill, please focus your attention on this and let our hamlet stay a beautiful hamlet and not a housing estate.

11. I was not happy with how Stocksmead looks, but I do feel that this was simply enough and we are maxed out.

I ask that the proposal to be rejected.