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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is _____, I am _____ years old and I am writing to object against the new development. I was born and raised in Stocksmoor and although I moved out _____ years ago to _____, as my _____ still live in the hamlet, I spend roughly _____ months there every year.

I have multiple concerns about the impact on the hamlet this development would have. It's a small, rural community which has not got the infrastructure to support so many new homes, let alone how sad it would be to lose the beautiful countryside which is what makes the hamlet so special.

My first point is regarding schools. I myself attended Thurstonland First School and then in _____ I spent a year volunteering and working at the school breakfast club. And I can tell you that even back then the school was at capacity. The classroom space is limited, the playground is small and they have already extended the building as much as they can. Likewise, the breakfast club was fully subscribed. Shepley First School is in a similar situation. The kind of properties this development proposes would primarily appeal to young families and we don't have the school capacity to accommodate their children, which would therefore likely mean parents would be forced to make longer car journeys to schools further afield.

Secondly, I would like to express my concerns regarding the undoubtedly increased traffic which would occur. These days, most households have a minimum of 2 cars, plus as soon as young people are old enough to drive, they also want their own car because the hamlet is so inaccessible and doesn't offer much in terms of services.

These days, public transport is unreliable and expensive. The bus service in Stocksmoor is not regular enough. In _____ when I commuted to Greenhead college in the centre of Huddersfield via both bus and train, aside from students, there were no more than 3 people using the train service to commute to work from Stocksmoor and none on the bus. These days it is common knowledge that the majority of people prefer the convenience and reliability of their cars. And there certainly aren't jobs nor even shops in Stocksmoor so the new development would introduce dangerous numbers of additional vehicles on the roads. Let alone where on earth will they all park?!

In particular, I will now discuss the single track lane between Stocksmoor and Shepley, the entrance to which will be right next to the development. When at home, I regularly walk on that lane because it is the most direct route, either to visit friends, use services like the hairdresser or to go to the shops. There is no pavement. In the 15 minutes or so that I am walking on the lane, I would have to stop and

step aside for at least half a dozen cars and I have witnessed, both as a walker and in a vehicle, the trouble that can occur when cars meet either because vehicles that are too large and not supposed to use the lane still do because there is no reasonable alternative or because individuals are not comfortable in reversing such great distances up or down steep hills. The lane was designed for local farmers and you will still regularly see tractors utilising the lane. If you have multiple vehicles meeting head on in that lane it will be carnage. The lane can not support additional road users from the new development.

Cycling is not used for commuting in the area, the only time we see cyclists are on sunny Sundays and they are lycra clad keen cyclists who cycle for pleasure because there are no nearby bike paths, often no pavements, an awful lot of hills and sharp, blind bends. The roads are not equipped for the everyday cyclist, only experienced ones. And an increase in the number of cars would increase the danger risk to any cyclists. As I'm sure you are already aware, we had a fatality in the hamlet

For those of us in the

hamlet who were there at the time, myself included, it was a horrific day we will never forget.

Beautiful communities like Stocksmoor need protecting, not ruining. Please don't spoil our idyllic hamlet.

Yours faithfully,