

Address: 5 Shepley Road Huddersfield HD4 6XW

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

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I object strongly to this proposal on the grounds that it is not a sustainable development.

There are no significant social benefits to be had. To suggest it will have a high quality, accessible public space is ridiculous given it's a play area by the site entrance. The housing need in Kirklees is for affordable houses to enable young people like myself to get on the property ladder – this development throws in a token 10 affordable homes but in an area like Stocksmoor these are unlikely to be affordable to most young people. More 4 and 5 bedroom houses are not needed in this area.

There are zero economic benefits from this development apart from payments to the Local Council. No long-term jobs will be created, and probably very few short term jobs. There is nowhere in Stocksmoor for residents to spend any money.

The impact on the environment will be significantly adverse not a net 10% benefit. This is beautiful green belt land (albeit redesignated as safeguarded land), home to a variety of wildlife. I've regularly seen deer in this field as well as owls, kestrels, even herons – this development will destroy the natural habitat.

Stocksmoor is barely more than a hamlet with only about 175 houses so adding another 50 will change its character significantly. The houses will be on the edge of the village creating a mini housing estate and will not be integrated into the village.

With 50 new houses there will be around an extra 100 cars which will have a big impact on the local roads. Stocksmoor is not well served by public transport with a bus every two hours if lucky and an unreliable train service, so people need to use their cars to go anywhere. The local shops, GP practice and school is in Shepley which is accessed via Stone Wood Lane. This is a terrible road to drive on and increasing the amount of traffic on it which this development will do, would be madness. Even going to Shepley the long way round means using Dam Hill which is also not suitable for an increase in traffic. Every where out of Stocksmoor is difficult.

Also the access to the site is on a bend which seems absolutely crazy!

I love walking down to the woods but it always feels unsafe because of the traffic and I used to cycle a lot along Stone Wood Lane but not any more because I think it is too dangerous now, never mind with more traffic.

Whilst we need more houses, Stocksmoor is simply the wrong place to build them as it goes against all the principles of sustainable development and would be creating an unsafe road network.

Please oppose this development.