

## 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
Objection to 2024/91242	
<p>My first objection is the site access, a T junction on a bad bend on Shepley Road which joins onto the single track and steep Stone Wood Lane. The poor visibility, location on a bend, simple T junction, the fact that the national speed limit applies on Stone Wood Lane and the severe gradient of Stone Wood Lane combine together to make this access very dangerous and poses a high risk for potential collisions.</p> <p>My second objection is that every single road from the proposed development is entirely unsuitable for coping with the significant increase in traffic. In the past I have accessed Shepley/Denby Dale/Barnsley etc via Stone Wood Lane. This route has become more difficult in recent years as traffic has increased. The Lane is single track with limited passing areas. There are no footpaths for pedestrians and given the rural area large tractors and trailers use this route frequently. They cannot reverse on the narrow windy lane and if they lose their momentum going up the steep hill they struggle to re-start.</p> <p>The other routes I could take to access Shepley etc are also unsuitable for an increase in traffic. Dam Hill is steep and narrow and in effect single track at the top as vehicles are always parked outside the houses there. Thunderbridge is unsuitable for more cars as the Woodman pub has an events marquee across the road and customers regularly and frequently cause the road to access this.</p> <p>Within one and a half miles of the proposed development is the site of frequent vehicle accidents. Historically the wall at Brown's Knowl Road has been demolished 5 times in the last 3 years. The national speed limit applies. More vehicles will increase the potential for more accidents.</p>	

My third objection is excess water on the highways and potential flooding. Ever since the development at Crangle Wells Birks Lane has significant water running across it following heavy rain. After heavy rainfall the man hole cover at the bottom of Dam Hill always rises in the road as water bursts up. The names, Dam Hill, Crangle Wells and Helen Springs give a clue as to the geography of the area of the proposed site. The planners proposed solution to install a huge soak away will have a devastating impact on the nearby beck, which is of significant geological interest.

The area surrounding the proposed site is used by people from all over Kirklees for walking and cycling thus improving their physical physical and mental health. The proposed development will significantly reduce their enjoyment of the area and will have a significant detrimental impact on the physical and mental health of the residents of Stocksmoor, Shepley and the surrounding villages.

Stocksmoor has had a significant increase in housing in the last decades but zero increase in infrastructure and facilities it does not even have footpaths connecting it to its two nearest villages.