



I object to the proposed plans as it does not benefit the current residents nor environment.

There are no economic opportunities in Stocksmoor, nor infrastructure, and as a young adult who does not own a car, I have frequently used the public transport system running through Stocksmoor. For 6 years, I used the trains to commute to school, and for the last 2 years, I have been using the trains every summer to commute to work. To put it bluntly, these trains do not work; I have missed days off school, cancelled shifts at work, and lost hours of revision during exam season as trains have been cancelled due to strikes or poor service, and have broken down 10 metres outside of Stocksmoor station. Claims from those that Stocksmoor is a suitable place to commute from using only public transport have little to no understanding of what using it everyday is like- and have not felt the distress of being stuck somewhere for hours on end with no other way home.

Therefore, the only reasonable way to commute from Stocksmoor is by car. Our local infrastructure is already lacking, with many roads left in too poor a condition to drive on, poor street lighting and a lack of pavements. Walking my dog in the local area has become too dangerous at certain times of day- such as during the school run. When roads are busy and with poor visibility on these so called 'rat runs' I have been nearly ran over on numerous occasions as locals drive through the village.

There seems to be little to no benefit for Kirklees to allow new houses to be built here, with very little economic activity taking place in Stocksmoor, and as a young person wanting to earn money at a part time job, I have had to commute over 2 hours per shift at my previous employment. To live in Stocksmoor involves travelling for work, for education, for public services. It is simply inefficient if the aim of this new construction is to help revitalise the local area's economy, and an unsuitable place to build new houses aimed at families who are looking to both work and use local infrastructure.

Stocksmoor is a small village, and already lacks infrastructure to support it. My GP is a half an hour walk on pavement-less roads; my nearest shop is the same; I have had to commute to school by public transport since I moved here in 2018. Our public transport is poor, and our roads are not suitable for another at least 50 (more likely to be 100) cars using our roads everyday.

Therefore, Stocksmoor's existing infrastructure is inadequate to support new housing developments, with unreliable public transport and poorly maintained roads making daily commutes difficult and unsafe. The proposed plans do not address the needs of current residents nor provide economic benefits, and would only exacerbate existing issues. Thus, further development in Stocksmoor is both impractical and detrimental to the community.