

Address: 15 Sullivan Close Huddersfield HD4 5EZ

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 strongly object to the proposed development of up to 50 houses on this site for several reasons:

The access point is on a tight bend from a single-lane road through the woods, which is already problematic. Adding 50+ vehicles daily would cause dangerous blockages, hold-ups, and inevitable accidents. The local village lacks amenities, forcing residents to travel on this single road to neighboring shops, significantly increasing traffic in a residential area.

Increasing the village size by 30% in one site is unsustainable and not in keeping with village life. Recent development on Cross Lane already increased the village size by 15%. Adding 50 more houses would result in a 65% increase in just a few years, destroying the village's character.

****Infrastructure Strain****The roads to Holmfirth (Fulstone Road) and Shepley (Shepley Road) are single-track, unlit, and lack pavements. Traffic has exponentially increased, leading to daily snarls and road rage incidents. Cyclists and horse riders are endangered due to the volume and speed of traffic on these roads.

Shepley's doctors and dentists are full, making it nearly impossible to get appointments. Local schools are at capacity, and new developments would mean local children might miss out on attending school with their friends and siblings.

Yorkshire Water is aware of the main sewer pipe flooding in Thunderbridge Meadows nature reserve during heavy rain, spreading raw sewage into Fenay Beck. The new development plans to discharge surface water into a stream flowing into Fenay Beck, risking pollution from chemicals and soapy water.

The field and adjacent woodland host diverse wildlife, including deer, badgers, foxes, owls, and various birds. The recent Cross Lane development has already driven birds from local gardens. This new development would further displace wildlife.

The development appears focused on maximizing profit for the developer and landowner, with minimal consideration for the community and environment.

There is no need for more houses in Stocksmoor or surrounding villages.

Overdevelopment is turning villages into towns, putting unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure. Decision-makers must consider the long-term adverse effects on future generations.