



Based on a previous objection I was party to about 10 years ago in relation to a development of 17 dwellings at land on Cross Lane Stocksmoor, my understanding was that any proposed development must be seen to be sustainable. The tests set out for the sustainability of a development were clearly and succinctly set out in a Planning Officer's Report and recommendation in Application 2013/93879 Upperthong Lane, Upperthong. The tests are -

1. Is there a local service centre within 1200 metres walking distance?
2. Is there a bus stop within 800 metres with a service of at least a 30 minute frequency and a journey time of less than 30 minutes to a town centre ?
3. Is there a primary school within 1600 metres - equates to a 20 minute walk?
4. Is there a surgery or other primary health facility within 1600 metres ?

In the case of the Shepley Road Stocksmoor proposed development currently under scrutiny, the answers to these tests are -

- 1, NO - Shepley is the nearest local service centre and is 1800 metres from the Station Road/Cross Lane crossroads in the centre of Stocksmoor.
2. NO - Buses from Stocksmoor are well short of this requirement. The service is closer to 2 hours frequency than 30 minutes. Furthermore, the Town in question is Huddersfield and is about a journey time of 40 minutes and not 30 minutes as required.
3. NO - The nearest primary school (Thurstonland) is 2000 metres away from Stocksmoor.
4. NO - Whilst the Health Centre at Shepley is 1600 metres away from Stocksmoor, this is by using the most direct route of Shepley Road and Stone Wood Lane which is totally unsuitable for small children and aged people to use to make their way to the Centre. The alternative route for the journey would be via Birks Lane, Dam Hill, Penistone Road, and Jos Lane and is more than double the 1600 metre requirement.