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Planning Application 2024/62/91242/E
Land north east of Shepley Road Stocks Moor

Dear Sir/Madam

We would like our objections to the above application to be noted on the following grounds.

1. Highways. Access to the planned development is on a sharp corner of Shepley road which is a very narrow road connecting Shepley and Stocks Moor. There are already problems with the amount of traffic using this road so any excess from a new development would only exacerbate this. Also an increase in traffic in the area would have a considerable knock on effect in local villages. The Village in Thurstonland is used by a lot of traffic already as a short cut between the A629 and A616 and this regularly leads to problems in it. Also here there are many parked cars as, because of the nature of the buildings, residents have nowhere else to park. This can cause hold ups and on two recent occasions our car has been damaged by vehicles trying to pass. Again, the inevitable increase in traffic because of this development would make matters worse.
2. Drainage. This development would occupy a site where natural drainage would run into the beck in Stones Wood. Because of the increase in run off because of the loss of natural drainage, which could lead to flooding further downstream, there would also be a risk of contaminants from car washing and garden pesticides getting into the water and disrupting the natural balance for the environment and the creatures that live there.
3. Schools. Local schools are operating at virtually full capacity so there would be problems finding places for new residents in this development.
4. Health. It is already difficult for local residents to get doctor's appointments as the surgeries are also running at near full capacity. Without further provision of health centres and surgeries no further development which would put excess pressure on existing practices should be permitted.
5. Safeguarding. It would appear that this land was safeguarded in the Local Plan and should only be considered for development at the start of the next decade if circumstances required. Public consultation should have taken place prior to plans being submitted, as Newett Homes were asked to do this by Kirklees Council as per paragraph 40 of the National Planning Policy Framework, but this was not the case.

As we use Stocks Moor village Hall on a regular basis for WI and a singing group we are well aware of the problems already facing local residents. We therefore feel that this site on Shepley Road is definitely inappropriate for the proposed development and urge for it to be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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