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Subject: Planning application 2024/62/91242/E

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I grew up in Stocksmoor and regularly visit family in the village. I am deeply saddened to hear of this proposal to build 50 houses in the village.

When I was growing up, Stocksmoor only had 60 or so houses and had much more amenities including a grocery shop which sold everything the villagers needed on a daily basis as well as agricultural goods and the village even had a tennis court. Now the village only has a pub and there are around 170 houses. Adding 50 more houses will mean 100 plus cars driving on the dangerous and narrow roads that serve the village. These cars will get plenty of use because all local services, be it doctors, schools, nurseries, shops, churches, sporting activities and so on need to be accessed by car given the limited public transport. I cannot see how the local roads are going to be able to cope with this increased demand. Villagers rely on their cars and walking even to the Shepley Co-Op is not an option for really anyone because all roads leaving the village are steep or have no pavements and would simply take too long. Due to the challenging and dangerous roads, cycling is out of the question for all but very experienced cyclists. This is in no way a sustainable development.

The site location is clearly unsuitable, and I'm amazed this application is even being considered. I can't think I've ever seen a more dangerous entrance to an estate of this size. This is a really dangerous corner with poor visibility and with cars often in middle of the road overtaking cars parked on Shepley Lane. There is already plenty of frustration on Stone Wood Lane with drivers getting annoyed after hold ups passing cars and an angry driver approaching the site entrance up the steep hill at speed is an obvious hazard. Serious cashes would be inevitable and we would just have to hope that there would not be any fatalities.

I also don't like the style of the houses. They're made from cheap materials and no attempt has been made to match the style of the existing houses in the village. They appear crammed in. Some houses are 2.5 stories tall which are not in keeping with other houses in the village and would have a negative effect on the light of neighbouring properties.

Finally, I would be sad to see the disappearance of yet more agricultural green belt land. The views over to Emley Moor would be greatly missed and it would remove the habitat of the local wildlife.

I understand that there is a need to build more houses, but this is a clearly problematic development. Over my lifetime, the village has increased significantly in size and there have been recent builds in Crangle Fields, on Fulstone Road and the very recent newbuild at Stocksmead. During this time, the village has lost most of its amenities and hasn't even got pavements connecting it to the nearest villages of Shepley and Thurstonland. An increase of 50 houses to this small hamlet is just far too much.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Below, I provide my full name and address. Please keep these details confidential, and please retract the details when my application is put online.

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