

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>I wish to object to the proposed development of 50 new houses by Newett homes. My main objection is that of transport. Already highlighted by Highways. In fact I feel that the whole district is unsuitable for any large development at all. I have lived in Stocksmoor for over 30 years. During that period I have seen a huge increase in traffic using the narrow roads in the surrounding area and am aware of numerous accidents occurring. Often these roads don't have footpaths and are not wide enough to accommodate one. They are regularly used by farm vehicles, horse riders, walkers and cyclists. Newett homes state that access to the estate will be via Shepley Road from Stocksmoor. However the nearest village with any amenities is Shepley which is accessed via Stoney Wood Road. This is mainly a single track lane with few passing places. It is also unlit and has no footpath. Other roads leading out of Stocksmoor also have problems. The junction at Cross Lane, Station Road, Shepley Road and Fulstone Road is a dangerous one, a restricted view with cars accelerating out of the village towards New Mill. This also turns into a narrow road with few passing places. The road from Stocksmoor to Thunderbridge narrows considerably as it crosses the bridge. Traffic regularly drives over this in the middle of the road. The junction from Dam Hill causes problems for cars turning left onto Birks Lane towards Stocksmoor. Drivers have to rely on using a mirror to check that the road is clear. When it is misted up they regularly pull out onto the oncoming traffic. Dam Hill leads to a junction with Penistone Road. This junction is narrow as residents park their cars outside their houses effectively turning it into a single lane. Cars regularly have to reverse at this point. The road running past the Woodman isn't much better. It is very badly pot holed. Again this road is narrowed by parked cars at the junction. It is also very awkward to make a right hand turn here. This junction is dug up regularly for some reason making it even more difficult. The Woodman Inn is a wedding venue. Guests regularly cross the road, drinks in hand, enjoying themselves and not paying attention to traffic. Fifty new homes in such a rural area will likely create 100 extra cars using these roads</p>	

Fifty new homes in such a rural area will likely create 100 extra cars using these roads, mainly at peak times.

It is a fallacy to presume that the new residents of the development would always use the limited public transport, walk or cycle(highly dangerous) to access amenities instead of using their cars or that they would work from home. Indeed there is no public transport to our nearest villages such as Shelley, Shelley or Kirkburton.

The development would fundamentally alter the rural feel and character of the village. No consideration has been given to make the proposed houses fit in with the design and building materials used in the majority of the original existing buildings in a village which has already seen considerable development over the years. It would dominate over the houses on Station Road.

There is a lot of local wildlife in the area. Pheasants, deer, badgers to name a few. This development will damage their habitat.

My next objection is about drainage and possible flooding. Station Road and Dam Hill already flood after heavy rainfall. Water often flows down the road from Stocksmoor to Thunderbridge. Increased surface water from the development combined with that from the new development in Shepley could cause more flooding at Thunderbridge as the local streams meet at this point.

Newett homes haven't taken into consideration the effect their development on the surrounding area.

There are large numbers of new homes already being built in the immediate vicinity, mainly along Penistone Road. As far as I am aware there are not proposed new schools, health centres, dental surgeries being planned. People can't get a GP or a dental appointment as it is. How and where are all these new inhabitants going to access services?