



I strongly object to the building of 50 houses on Shepley Road for the following reasons:

1) Significant negative impact on highway safety and congestion.

Access to the proposed site is on a bend at the top of the hill coming up Shepley Road into Stocksmoor. This is a very narrow road, which is already heavily used as a shortcut to and from Penistone Road (A629). Adding another 100+ cars coming and going from this dangerous road through the village and Shepley Road/Stone Wood Lane does not make any sense. The junction of Shepley Road and Fulstone Road has already had several accidents and adding to the current volume is sure to increase the volume of accidents and danger to residents.

Shepley Road through Stone Wood Lane is a VERY narrow one track road that's already heavily used as a shortcut. Anyone coming out of or heading to Stocksmoor, Thurstonland or Farnley Tyas heading to or from Leeds, Wakefield, Barnsley, Sheffield or the M1 to head North or South would use this road as it's the shortest and quickest route. It's impossible for two cars to pass in most sections of Stone Wood Lane heading into Jos Lane in Shepley. This will lead to significant congestion and increase the risk of accidents involving cars and pedestrians.

The other route out of the village to head South or into Huddersfield (if used), would again involve the Shepley Road / Fulstone Road junction, which already suffers from congestion and accidents. This route would involve going down Fulstone Road to Birks Lane and either up Dam Hill or past the Woodman Inn to join Penistone Road (A629). Dam Hill is again very narrow and always has parked cars on one side of the road outside the houses on the hill, this in effect also makes this a one track road that's difficult for two cars to pass and will cause congestion and increased risk of accidents. When you get to the top of Dam Hill visibility joining Penistone Road (A629) is also poor and the risk of accidents will be increased by an additional 100+ cars. If you take the route past the Woodman Inn it would increase the risk of an accident involving pedestrians coming or going from the pub and again joining Pensitone Road (A629) involves a junction with poor visibility, increasing the risk of accidents.

It's also possible to use Fulstone Road out of Stockmoor village to New Mill and link up with Sheffield Road (A616) or Penistone Road (A635/A629). However, Fulstone Road is also a single track road from Stocksmoor to Fulstone and again this would significantly increase the risk of accidents involving cars and pedestrians.

2) Limited public transport links.

Train and bus links are very limited in Stocksmoor Village, and most people have now stopped working from home, which means they would have to use cars for work and social.