

## About the application

Application number: 2024/62/91242/E	
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 am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed development at Shepley Road, Stockmoor. My objections are based on the following grounds:</p> <p>General</p> <p>It would appear that a decision is being rushed through ahead of a proper process to change the use of the site from safeguarded land in Local Plan 1 ahead of community consultation having been carried out as part of the review of the Local Plan 2 . The sustainability development assessment which Local Plan 1 used as the basis of its allocation is now out of date and should be updated ahead of any Planning Permissions being granted.</p> <p>The impact of the proposal will be severe on a village which is isolated and has a high dependency on using cars, often two to three per household. The Local highways network is inadequate and public transport provision is poor.</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>There are no opportunities to work in Stocksmoor itself, the majority of people commute by car and the few jobs that are in the local are not accessible by public transport, for example in retail and hospitality, as public transport is radial into Huddersfield and does not connect settlements together. Not everyone, such as key workers are able to work from home. In my line of work, it is now the norm that most employers are encouraging workers to come back to the office, rather than work from home with productivity levels being hit.</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>The site is outside of the greenbelt - only because the Councils LP1 has made it safeguarded land and despite this, it has been /is farmed, used by wildlife and enjoyed by residents and visitors</p>	

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The proposal will have adverse impact of the on adjacent woodlands in terms of the wildlife. From an ecological point of view, you can't separate the woodland habitat from the adjacent open fields. There are Owls, Badgers, Bats, Deer, Hedgehogs and Rabbits. The woodland and open fields are tranquil and beautiful. The woodland and open pastures and meadows are highly valued by villagers. People visit to walk in this area due to the footpaths and green lanes.

### Transport

There are only footpaths in residential areas and designated public footpaths. Shepley Road and Fulstone Road do not have footpaths or street lights after the village limits. Both are single track roads with informal passing points. There is insufficient width for cars and horses to pass cyclists using the Trans Pennine Trail. Additional Traffic generated will increase risks for cyclists.

The Transport Impact Assessment and Green Travel Plan are incorrect. There is one train an hour, each way, and one bus every two hours. There is only one Bus Stop in the village with a shelter. The remaining bus shelters are completely open. Public transport is not particularly cheap, even with concessions for a household. The transport system in this locality is based on a historic network radiating out from Huddersfield. As a consequence there is poor connectivity between settlements where there are amenities. Such as shops, Health and Dental Care, Pharmacy and Convenience shops.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, I believe that the proposed development will have a detrimental impact on the local community and environment. I urge the council to reject this planning application on the grounds outlined above.

Thank you for considering my objections.