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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is _____, and I am writing to formally object to the proposed new development in Stocksmoor. My partner's family lives in Stocksmoor and I have resided there long term on multiple occasions. I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts of this development on the community and surrounding environment.

While I acknowledge the national housing shortage and the necessity for new homes, the location and execution of these developments must be carefully considered. It is essential that new housing projects preserve our natural landscapes and countryside.

One of my primary concerns is the inadequacy of the single-track narrow roads connecting Stocksmoor. These roads, particularly the one between Stocksmoor and Shepley, are already heavily used as Shepley hosts the nearest pharmacy, dentistry, and shops. Navigating this road is challenging even in good weather, and it becomes perilous in wet or icy conditions. Walking along this road is equally difficult. The current infrastructure cannot support the additional traffic that this development will generate.

Furthermore, the safety of cyclists is at risk. The hilly terrain and increasing number of impatient drivers already make the roads around Stocksmoor dangerous. There have been several incidents, including a tragic accident where a teenager lost his life at the crossroads. Without dedicated cycle paths to nearby villages, cyclists rely on these single-track roads. Increased traffic will only heighten the danger, discouraging current cyclists and deterring new ones, which contradicts government efforts to promote cycling.

Stocksmoor is a charming hamlet, but it lacks convenience stores and other amenities. A development of this scale is unsustainable without the introduction of commercial spaces, which must be operational and sustainable themselves. The appeal of living in Stocksmoor lies in its tranquility and picturesque countryside views. This development would significantly increase population density, undermining the quality of life for both current and prospective residents.

In conclusion, rigorous scrutiny is imperative for any new development to ensure the preservation of our beautiful English countryside, of which Stocksmoor is a proud part. I strongly object to this development for the reasons outlined above. It is unacceptable for a development firm's greed to jeopardize the integrity of this beloved hamlet.

Kind Regards,