

Objection to Proposed Development by Newett Homes

Road Safety and Congestion:

- * The route from the proposed development to the nearest shops at Shepley is via Stoney Wood Road. This route is narrow and single track with only a few passing places. It is unlit through wooded sections. There are already frequent encounters with on-coming traffic.
- * The junction at Cross Lane, Shepley Road, and Fulstone Road is dangerous due to restricted visibility. A child was killed here in a cycling accident. Increased traffic will increase the risks.
- * The road from Stocksmoor to Thunderbridge is narrow and restricted over the bridge.
- * The junction with Dam Hill poses risks for turning vehicles. That road also reduces to a single lane where cars are parked and the exit to Penistone road is difficult.
- * Fulstone Road is the natural route to New Mill and Holmfirth and is also a narrow single file road with few passing places.

Unsuitable Infrastructure:

- * No usable footpaths exist on many of the local roads, making it unsafe for pedestrians.
- * Lack of public transport to nearby villages (Shepley, Shelley, Kirkburton) means that the car is an inevitable choice.
- * An additional 100 cars from 50 new houses would exacerbate safety issues, congestion and the increased population will put greater pressure on local health and education services

Environmental Impact:

- * The development would alter the rural character and harm local wildlife.
- * Consideration should be given to harmonizing new houses with existing architecture.

Drainage Concerns:

- * Station Road in Stocksmoor already experiences flooding after heavy rainfall.
- * Increased surface water from the proposed development could worsen flooding risks in Thunderbridge.