

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>Please find my objection below.</p> <p>My daughter lives in Shepley at the edge of the village , her house over looks Stones Wood Lane and I regularly visit her.</p> <p>I do not take the bus or train from Huddersfield from where I live because it takes too long and is not reliable, instead I have to travel by car. Taxi is too expensive, for her and for me as a pensioner. If I cannot drive there , they pick me up knowing how long my travel time would be if I were to use public transport. Cars are used often, most homes in the area have x2 cars or more. Visit the area and see how many cars are parked roadside which creates congestion.</p> <p>Stones Wood Lane is a road that has large areas of single track and if you drive down you will often meet other road users, meaning someone will need to navigate backwards to allow the other to pass. This can lead to accidents and confrontations. This road is also used by agricultural vehicles to tend to the land and animals.</p> <p>We sometimes walk on this road, when we have walk to Stocksmoor or when exiting the public footpaths, one of which is on the bend where the steep incline is on Stones Wood Lane and another on Stones Wood Lane meeting Jos Lane (cars speed here and only one car can pass at a time) . At all times ears must be open when walking to hear out for other vehicles. I'm hard of hearing and now with more electric vehicles in use, they can be harder to hear out for. The children must walk beside an adult at all times due to there being no footpaths and the speed in which motorists travel. My daughter cannot let her children safely walk down the road without her nearby knowing the dangers at the end of Jenkyn Lane and Stones Wood Lane with cars speeding out of the road into the village, or being only passable by one vehicle at a time, them pulling into Jenkyn Lane blocking the road, or mounting the kerb, all of which are a danger to pedestrians and my grandchildren. Walkways should be safe places. The roads in Shepley village become congested and cars speed through which is an ongoing issue for this village. Cars do not stop at the pelican crossing which children use to cross to access the local school</p>	

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Those that live in Stocksmoor will almost certainly use cars as there are no shops, NHS services, cafes, hairdressers. All those services are in Shepley and conveniently accessed via Stones Wood. You cannot get to Kirkburton from Stocksmoor. The community has to access all services from outside not within.

The area surrounding Stones Wood Lane, is agricultural land, ancient woodland, streams and becks for pond dipping, with many local footpaths navigating through this area. During lockdown and when in a bubble with my daughter I would love to travel to this area to escape urbanisation and to enjoy what the countryside landscape had to offer. Indeed, my daughter in lockdown and since see's many people outside of her area travel to her road Jenkyn Lane, Shepley to take the walks through the fields and woods. By removing green landscape surrounding Huddersfield and encouraging more traffic on these small rural roads will prevent people of Kirklees enjoying the local countryside, instead Huddersfield will be one large urban area, with villages becoming connected not disconnected as they should be by their very nature. We should be preserving areas of natural beauty in Huddersfield , not destroying it.

The local community of Stocksmoor have not been consulted, and if so very late and not in a professional manner , and neither have the community of Shepley who will be impacted by this proposal given the very nature in the road that this development is situated on. All amenities for Stocksmoor are in Shepley, there is only one pub , which is drinking only, in Stocksmoor.

Existing residents of Stocksmoor and Shepley should be able to walk safely around their village to access their homes, schools, shops and nature. Children should be able to walk and play without the danger of cars. Kirklees council should not be encouraging more through traffic into villages to rural communities to build housing estates that are unsustainable, when there is far more suitable land and brownfield sites in Huddersfield.