



I moved to Stocksmoor 11 years ago. The things that most attracted me to the the village was because of it's natural beauty, it's peacefulness and it's lack of facilities.

By building 50 more houses, effectively increasing the village by a third, will, in my opinion bring no benefits whatsoever to it. It will most certainly have a detrimental effect on the village and the quality of life of our current residents for so many reasons.

The proposed site is of environmental significance to our wildlife. I pass it, as I walk my dog, at varying times of the day and regularly see deer grazing, birds of prey hunting, clear evidence of badgers passing through it and of course the wild birds which feed on the insects that the meadow attracts.

50 homes, the majority of which have a minimum of 3 bedrooms, will, have a minimum of 2 cars per household, so 100+ more cars on our already busy roads, which weren't built for such volumes of traffic.

Our daughter was forced to move out of the village a couple of years ago as she was unable to afford to buy in Stocksmoor. The development would not give her the option to return to it due to the costs of the houses.

Stones Wood Lane, where lies the proposed access point, is, the narrowest, least user friendly, of the 4 main routes into/out of Stocksmoor. Between us and Shepley, there are numerous lengthy stretches of road, only wide enough for one car. The additional traffic would only make an often difficult route worse.

Despite having a train and bus service, they are infrequent. One train per hour I believe to Huddersfield and one to Sheffield, during peak times. Buses run 2-3 hourly during the day, but not on Sundays as far as I know. And so to think that by having those services, the numbers of vehicles from the new development will be minimal, is nonsensical.

What that means is that almost every journey, to work, transporting children to some schools, doctors appointments, shopping, all the things that we're required to do will involve a car journey.

As for the noise, filth and sheer upset the development will cause during the building period to the village, is, quite honestly incomprehensible. Hundreds of huge, heavy goods wagons passing too and from our approaching roads, none of which are suitable for such vehicles.

The noise and traffic would not reduce once the build was complete.

If the build was to go ahead, the look, the feel and the peace of the village would change for ever and not in a positive way, and it would be nothing less than criminal to build such a blot on our beautiful landscape.

I strongly oppose this development for all the reasons mentioned above.