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Objection to plans for Erection of residential development (up to 50 dwellings) by Newett homes on land north east of Shepley Road , Stocksmoor, HD4 6XW I strongly object to this proposed development. It is too large approximately 30% increase in the size of the village. The density of build is much greater than the rest of the village and the materials to be used are not in keeping with the natural stone that is predominantly used in Stocksmoor . A major negative is safety, access to the site is at the top of the hill from Stones Wood Lane on a blind bend. The road from the site through Stones Wood to Shepley will not cope with up to 100 extra cars using it, not to mention delivery vans with online groceries clothing purchases etc . The road is largely single track with passing places- forward visibility is largely restricted and not helped by overgrown hedgerows which are not kept sufficiently trimmed back by the Council .

There are numerous daily stand - offs between motorists unwilling or unable to reverse. There are no footpaths along the route which is well used by walkers and is known to be extremely dangerous. It is also used by horse riders and cyclists as it is part of the national cycle route . It is suggested by newett homes that residents of the new development will not use this route for which there is absolutely no evidence. It is also suggested they will mainly work from home again, no evidence. Kirklees highways have indicated that this site is unsuitable as Stones Wood Lane cannot be improved. Doctors, shops, schools, etc and main road access via Shepley would be via this road . Other roads from the development also have safety implications. Fulstone Road is single track with passing places for long sections. Stocksmoor Road to Thurstonland is very dangerous for pedestrians , cyclists, horse riders as the pavement is not maintained and is suitable only for one person to walk on. Parents with children, prams are at serious risk if they walk along it. The corner at Butts farm is exceedingly bad as possible for vehicles to drive over the curb at that point. These risks are exacerbated as speed limit along them (apart from the village centre) is 60 miles an hour and yes drivers do reach this speed.

Other routes out of the village are only slightly better. The 60 speed limits should be reduced on all these roads even before any further development is considered if the roads are not safe for everyone this cannot be considered a sustainable site. The site cannot be regarded as sustainable, no jobs in the village so all employment shopping trips , doctors & dentist appointments , school attendance will require a car journey . The buses are not as stated every hour and realistically there are only four a day which people could use for shopping trips to Huddersfield. There are no buses to Kirkburton , Holmfirth , Shepley , Honley - cars are essential to live here. The trains are supposedly every hour but there are many cancellations so is not reliable.

The development of this site will also affect the multitude of wildlife that inhabits the site and surrounding ancient woodland. Also, will the dry stone walls which are feature of the village be lost - one long stretch has already been removed and has altered negatively the character of this beautiful village. The developer traffic will cause severe disruption on these country lanes which are not suitable for heavy vehicles.

Account should also be taken of the large amount of building already done in Shepley and the proposed plans for 200+ houses on the Storthes Hall site and also the retirement village that was proposed there if that should ever come to fruition. These will put enormous strain on local infrastructure and facilities.

I agree totally with all the many objections that have been made so far. This proposal is lacking on many grounds and should definitely be refused

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