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Dear Kirklees,

I strongly object to this planning application.

Stocksmoor is a small, rural village, surrounded by natural habitat, farmland and woods with a total of c180 houses and very limited amenities. The proposed application for the development and building of 50 homes will have a huge negative impact not only on the village residents but also the surrounding areas.

The entrance to the site proposed on Stonewood lane is on a dangerous blind bend with limited passing points for cars that currently use this route. Any increase in the number of vehicles using this road will only make it more hazardous. There is no footpath for the many walkers, cyclists, children and dog walkers that already use this road, not only for residents of Stocksmoor but also villages close by. This road is already frequently used by commuters from both Stocksmoor and surrounding areas such as Honley, Farnley Tyas, Thurstonland and Meltham for example. As such my main objection is on the grounds of road safety.

There are several housing developments in the local area that are more conveniently located to local amenities and transport routes, and have the infrastructure required yet they remain unsold and prices are being reduced. This proposed development will put increased strain on those very same amenities. I use this road frequently to access local shops, GP surgery and for my route to work as do the majority of our residents.

With the current shift in mindset for organisations to get workers back into offices and adopt a hybrid model as opposed to working from home, this will mean further traffic on this very dangerous road at peak times

This rural village cannot support the huge increase in the demands that this planning application will bring. 50 houses would bring an estimated 150-200 people into a small rural village that does not have the infrastructure, amenities and utilities to support such a huge increase in the population and use.

Having got children at Thurstonland 1<sup>st</sup> school, I am acutely aware that it has a maximum class size of 12 per year, this is a proposal for 50 family homes, it is not feasible for this school to accommodate the proposal.

Please oppose this development.

**Whist I do not object anonymously, please do not publish my name and address details online.**

Thank you