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Dear Planning,

Re: Proposed Housing Development at Stocksmoor

I write to Object to the proposed development

I was born in 2006. When it was time to go to school, I was unable to get a place in Thurstonland the local school because there was insufficient places that year. My Mum appealed to the Headteacher and she was able to give me a place.

Going to school with other children from the same hamlet made feel secure and happy. My parents were able to get to know other people in the hamlet as well. If the number of people who live in the hamlet increases this will mean more children will have to go schools in the neighbouring villages, away from friends, and their parents will have to drive them there, as there are no buses and walking isn't safe. This will make the narrow lanes even busier and more dangerous.

When I went to middle school I was given a bus pass, this was because it was deemed too far to walk and the junction with Penistone Road is dangerous as there is no crossing .

I have a Saturday job in a bakery in Denby Dale, before I passed my driving test, my parents used to drive me and pick me up as there is no direct bus service and I had to start earlier than the first train. Jobs for younger people are very limited in the area and you do need a car to get most of them. The poor public transport means that some of my friends could not always take up jobs and often had to miss out on social events because they could not get lifts.

When I started at Greenhead collage I started to use the train service at first, but it was expensive even with a rail card and also very unreliable in winter, with loads of cancellations and delays. A couple of times there were creepy people on the train and I was anxious when I got off the train as the platform in Stocksmoor station is very secluded and hardly anyone uses the train.

I also used the bus, but the infrequency meant I wasted a lot of learning time working around the timetable.

Stocks Moor is surrounded by beautiful countryside and ancient woodlands. You can walk for miles and enjoy the tranquility and outdoors. This has been very beneficial to my mental health. But it is also isolated and you have to rely on your Mum and Dad to taxi you around, until you've passed your driving test and you can get about by car. In this area, your friends tend to be dispersed, living in different hamlets and villages which are hard to get to using public transport, so you also tend to socialise more using social media and online games platforms. I realise now this massively increases screen time.

I have been lucky to live in this area and to have parents who have been able to taxi me and my friends around, pay for driving lessons and insure a car for my use. I have friends in neighbouring villages who are not so lucky and they are quite isolated.

I am really concerned that decisions to increase housing supply are being made at the expense of the greenbelt when there are loads of brownfield sites and under used buildings in and around Huddersfield town centre and across the borough.

As a young person I would like to continue to enjoy the countryside, nature and live healthily and I would ask you don't act in haste and spoil it for my generation. The council says that there is a climate emergency, then don't make it worse by building the wrong type of housing in the wrong locations and concreting over the Greenbelt and reducing opportunities for agricultural production. Since Russia invaded the Ukraine, the subject of food security has come into focus. Has the council's policies been updated to take this into account ?

Why can't you build new houses when you've made sure the Dr's, Dentists, schools places , local shops, roads and public transport is in place first.

Please consult and listen to younger people instead of just listening to the landowners and developers.

Thankyou