

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

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<p>The proposal of 50 houses would be increasing the village size by 30% - way too big with no amenities in the village and school sizes are already very small.</p> <p>The impact of the proposal will be enormous on a village which is isolated and has dependency on using cars, most likely with more than two vehicles per household. The Local highways network is inadequate and very limited public transport.</p> <p>The proposal will have a major impact of the on adjacent woodlands in terms of the wildlife. There are Owls, Badgers, Bats, Deer, Hedgehogs and Rabbits. The woodland and open fields are tranquil and beautiful. The woodland and open pastures and meadows are highly valued by residents in the village and local walkers.</p> <p>There are only footpaths in residential areas and designated public footpaths. Shepley Road and Fulstone Road do not have footpaths or street lights after the village limits.</p> <p>The development proposal makes no contribution to the character of the village with artificial stone and roof slates. The majority of houses in Stocksmoor are built of natural stone and are individual.</p> <p>The drainage proposals suggest that some surface water will be discharged into Stoney Wood beck, this flows to Fenay Beck in Thunderbridge. Dam Side is frequently flooded after cloud bursts and persistent rain and continual maintenance is required on the road surface to repair the potholes and erosion of the gutters.</p> <p>Shepley Road and Fulstone Road are single track and already problematic with the village at its current size, which puts extra pressure on those roads. Long and high vehicles are often seen reversing back and there are frequent stand offs between drivers. It is not clear whether the Transport Impact Assessment has accounted for visitor's to the new development on social visits or delivering online shopping. It does not take into account seasonality of agricultural traffic, horse riding or trips to take children to school.</p>	