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Proposed Residential Development
Application # 2024/62/91242/E
Shepley Rd, Stocksmoor.

I object to the proposed 50 houses.

Adding another 50 houses to my husband's family home is a huge increase in number for this hamlet. There are presently, after various additions and developments about 150 homes. An increase of 1/3 more is simply too much. It will alter the very character of the settlement and contribute nothing except more cars, their noise, road congestion and light pollution.

The development will overload the already strained sewage and surface water systems. Waste has to go downhill and Thunderbridge already has problems coping with what they already have to deal with.

Damage to the adjacent woodland is inevitable. Stone Wood and its nearby contiguous woodlands for a natural oasis for many species. The proposed site, meadow until ploughed last year, acts as a buffer zone against we humans, and a foraging and hunting ground for small mammal, badgers, foxes, owls and other creatures. Decreasing the available area, and having houses so close to the wood will destroy this environmental equilibrium as surely as cutting down the trees. A large wood needs a large buffer zone.

Water runoff and building waste will get washed down into the rather special Dike that runs through the wood. Garden chemicals will also be washed down, no matter what attempts are made to prevent this. Fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides will severely deteriorate the quality of the stream.

There are no jobs in Stocksmoor. People would need to travel for employment (most would not be working from home post-C-19). Public transport from the hamlet is not good. The bus is infrequent and not hourly, the train is often delayed or cancelled. People will use cars. It does not matter if internal combustion engines, electric, or even steam cars are used, they do not help the move to zero carbon and sustainability. The

site is on an already overused, single track, narrow, unlit, footpath-less winding road used by visiting walkers in hiking boots, cyclists in Lycra, and horse riders.

For housewives going to the nearest shop, doctor or pharmacy, children to school, to work, etc, cycling is also totally impractical because of the very steep, narrow, already busy roads. Walking faces the same obstacles. The Transport Assessment seems to think these types of transport would be feasible for the development. Has the writer been here? Can they read a map — the real world is 3-dimensional, not flat!

There are no shops in Stocksmoor. There are no facilities beyond a pub. It is not a suitable place for young, sociable people. Lack of facilities is likely to create a disillusioned youth who find it expensive in terms of time and money to meet up with others.

Sustainability is very low on any scale of any category for any new development in the hamlet.

Yours

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