

**Objection to Application 2024/91242/E by Newett Homes for erection of residential development (up to 50 dwellings) with associated access, parking, public open space, landscaping and infrastructure on land north east of Shepley Road, Stocksmoor, Huddersfield**

Dear Councillors and Officers,

As someone who does not live in Stocksmoor but have known the area nearly all my life due family still living in the area and close friends, I make the following objections, to which I keep simple.

- (i) The Local Council should be proud of Stocksmoor for the natural beauty of the area and the Ancient Woodlands and unique beck. I currently live close to the RHS Worsley, which was developed from Ancient Woodlands, there is no doubt that the development has brought financial benefit to the local community however we are still finding wildlife, specifically Deer, dead, by the side of the roads and canals.
- (ii) When any developer uses the word landscaping and infrastructure it automatically implies getting rid of the old and creating a new. No amount of environmental impact assessments and reports can account for the damage caused to the existing local wildlife, which is vast and should be protected at all costs by yourselves.
- (iii) Displaced wildlife is not fixed by the installation of bird & bat boxes nor the replacement of trees with new small, bulk purchase, saplings. Wildlife should never be displaced.
- (iv) I expect that there would have been many objections concerning an increase in traffic and the unsuitability of the roads. Without doubt selected studies on traffic flows have been completed by the developer with technology monitoring the flow of traffic in each direction. I would draw the planning committee's attention to the very fact that no traffic studies can account for the dramatic increase in the danger to local wildlife, to the local Badgers, Hedgehogs and Deer. All of which requires your protection.
- (v) There is no doubt that there is a need for housing in the country however developers have, without doubt, become greedy and insensitive to small local rural communities. Developers have become well-adjusted to every objection known to mankind which could come their way. It is noted that Stocksmoor has accommodated a number of recent builds at Stocksmead and Crangle fields. The hamlet would no longer be a hamlet.
- (vi) As councillors and officers, you are fully aware of your duties and responsibilities to your local community, your community who you serve and protect but as planning experts your duty also flows to the environment your community lives and works in.
- (vii) I strongly encourage you on your next visit to the area where this developer is seeking to build numerous homes to ask yourselves, is this in keeping with this beautiful part of the country? and the only answer you can conclude is, it is not and therefore I ask you to stand up to this money making scheme and protect all the wildlife and the natural beauty of this area as one day it will all be gone.

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