

## **PROOF OF EVIDENCE - SUSTAINABILITY**

**Statement of**                      **on behalf of local resident group, Stocksmoor Vision**

**Appeal by Newett Homes**  
**Erection of residential development with associated access,**  
**parking, public open space, landscaping and infrastructure**  
**Site at land north east of Shepley Road, Stocksmoor,**  
**Huddersfield, HD4 6XW**

**Planning Reference: 2024/62/91242**  
**Appeal Reference: APP/Z4718/W/25/3375000**  
**Appeal Start Date: 24 November 2025**

### **Statement of**

I am a resident of Stocksmoor and I make this statement on behalf of Stocksmoor Vision.

## SUSTAINABILITY

1. Stocksmoor Vision has previously submitted its request for Rule 6 status and its Rule 6 Statement of Case.
2. We would respectfully ask the Inquiry that the **comments on sustainability in our Rule 6 Statement of Case be read into this proof of evidence**, as supplemented by the further comments in this proof.
3. It seems to us that the proposed development - in this location - is **the antithesis of any notion of sustainable development**. The planning system should be rejecting places like Stocksmoor.
4. In the summer Stocksmoor undoubtedly shows off a tranquillity and natural beauty, but in reality, it is often windswept and bleak, with an outdated sewage system that cannot even handle the current effluent load.
5. With the exception of the village hall, none of the normal community facilities exist, and even the failing local pub looks to be up for sale by its Trust Inns owners, who do not appear to be looking for a new tenant.
6. To repeat what we have previously said, we have no school, no GP surgery, no dentist, no library, no church, no shops, no newsagent, no post office, no cafe, no garden centre.
7. And with overloaded sewers that regularly discharge untreated sewage into the local dikes, this is no place to build a development of this scale and type.
8. Newetts point to the station but there is data to show that there is no real interest in using the train.
9. The [railwaydata.co.uk/stations](http://railwaydata.co.uk/stations) website reveals that while Stocksmoor station has 226 scheduled services per week, on average there are only 1.95 passengers per service.
10. Active travel is also too difficult for most because of the steep gradients.
11. As we said at the start, the natural corollary of the presumption in favour of sustainable development is that the system should be avoiding development in unsustainable places, just as it does with flood risk.

## STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I confirm that the facts and opinions expressed in this Proof of Evidence are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Dated: 27 January 2026