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**To:** Kerri Simpson <Kerri.Simpson@kirklees.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Planning Application 2025/60/91236/E Land off Stocksmoor Rd, Stocksmoor

Hi Kerri,

Please may I formally object to the above planning application as ward councillor. I obviously know the site well, living in the neighbouring village and having represented the area for the last 10 years. This site is in the greenbelt and is prime agricultural land which is farmed today. For this development to proceed it would need to either demonstrate that this is land that qualifies as greybelt under the new NPPF guidance or alternatively that there are exceptional circumstances which could justify the development of prime agricultural land for housing.

For it to qualify as greybelt they would need to be able to show that this land was previously developed land and this is clearly not the case in this circumstance and in any case, the building of a property here on a proportion of a larger field would definitely affect the character and openness of the site, which would also be a reason for refusal. If we now look at special circumstances, the applicant has not demonstrated any justification for building on this site other than the fact that the Council has declared that it currently does not have a 5 year supply of land to meet housing needs. The development of this property on greenbelt does not significantly contribute to this position and therefore does not meet the evidential bar for exceptional circumstances to apply.

I would ask that the Council refuses this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the greenbelt.

**Regards**

**John Taylor**

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