

About the application

Application number: 2025/91236	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development (one dwelling)
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Stocks Moor Road, Stocks Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 6XQ
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I'm writing to strongly object to the planning application for a house on land off Stocks Moor Road (ref: 2025/60/91236/E).

This field has always been part of the open countryside, and it's not part of any existing housing allocation in the Kirklees Local Plan. There are already plenty of sites nearby allocated for housing, like the large developments in Farnley Tyas and Storther Hall and two places actually in Stocksmoor village .

We don't need to lose yet another greenfield site that hasn't been earmarked for development.

The developer is trying to claim the land is "Grey Belt," but that's misleading. This land is within the Green Belt and has not had a special designation like that. It's an open field that is still farmed , that contributes to the rural character of the area. There are no demonstrated special circumstances why this field should suddenly be treated differently. It's clear the developer is trying to stretch planning rules to suit their own agenda.

A few years ago, a shipping container was dropped on the site, suggesting the land is already "in use." This is unfair and feels like an attempt to play the system. The container is empty and shouldn't be used as an excuse to justify building a house here. The house would also harm the countryside views that many local and visiting citizens value and enjoy when walking along the long standing public footpath that runs right next to the field. Building a house here would ruin that.

It's not just about the views. This field is home to wildlife—I know that barn owls, bats, and other creatures are regularly seen around here I have photographs if needed as evidence . There's been no proper ecology or biodiversity assessment provided, and the developer hasn't shown how they'd meet the new Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. They just say it doesn't apply, but they haven't given any evidence for that.

The proposal also raises serious concerns about highway safety. Stocks Moor Road is already a busy road with a mix of traffic, and adding another driveway on the 60mph section here would create extra risks. There are people walking along the footpath and crossing the road, and without proper visibility splays or road safety assessments, it's impossible to know if this access would be safe.

All in all, this application feels like an attempt to push through development on a site that isn't suitable, isn't needed, and isn't safe. It would damage the countryside, harm the local environment, and set a dangerous precedent for more speculative development in the future. I urge you to refuse this application.

Thank you for considering my objection