**Helen Murphy Statement of support opposing the development of Hollings Busk – For the Appeal Meeting 22/06/2021**

This is a short personal statement of opposition towards the developers appeal to build a housing estate of 85 houses on Holling Busk land.

As a local resident of 12yrs (having both lived and worked in the Stocksbridge community), I feel strongly enough to oppose the development, based upon the grounds of supporting “Green Spaces” as a corridor of preservation for the many more generations to come”. It astounds my common sense approach that despite the city’s and Town Councillors of Stocksbridge, including the MP for the area, who all support the protection and greenery of the open space of this land, are still having to defend local people’s feelings against developers seeking to profit from the natural beauty and location that this greenery brings to the Stocksbridge Valley.

Even after 4yrs of opposing this development, still people in this community have to challenge and defend that which is plain to see, “A green valley of fields and natural beauty protecting the value of the land” which should remain country and not be desecrated by the developing building trades. We must keep the divide between urban communities and not defile our open green spaces. Turning country rural spots into semi-inner city housing development complexes (new builds) where there is not an infrastructure to support or sustain such an influx – adding if not to strain on the transport mechanisms – then certainly will add to congestion, during a time when eco and reduction of fumes should also be a consideration as part of such a social development. The aftermath effects are substantial not to support this abhorrent suggestion of 85 houses on a most sacred part of the communities green open spaces.

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