

About the application

Application number: 2025/92776	
What is the application for?:	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for residential development with
Address of the site or building:	land at, Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB
Postcode:	DH7 8XL

User comments

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<p>I am strongly opposed to this application on the following grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The site is designated green belt and is currently in agricultural use.2. The developer has predictably sought to deploy the grey land argument on the basis of the semi-permanent lightweight agricultural storage sheds and silos. These represent a very small proportion of the proposed development site. Were the application to be for the demolition of these structures and construction of ten or a dozen houses within their footprint the argument might be tenable, but over a hundred houses on green belt agricultural land, NO!3. Having attended the consultation exercise held by Messrs Banks my suspicion was confirmed that the access to the site for construction traffic would be via Lea Drive, which opens into Abbey Rd only 100 metres from the zebra crossing which is used by young children attending the local school so you have an immediate road safety risk for the whole of the construction period. Lea Drive itself has a steep and narrow bend. The construction traffic would then use Eastfield. Both these roads are typical "housing estate" roads quite unsuited to two years or so of heavy construction traffic and the delivery of ready-mix concrete and tonnes of other building materials. The infrastructure of those roads - drains, water services, cabling etc would be deteriorated. Would the developer commit to making good any damage caused? I thought not. Once the site were completed there would then be a potential 200 cars from the new estate using Eastfield and Lea Drive to access Abbey Rd, perpetuating the road safety hazard.4. Existing local infrastructure - shops, doctor, dentist (no New NHS patients accepted), schools etc are insufficient for all this additional housing.5. The close proximity of the site to the Shepley Spring water extraction and bottling plant would likely disrupt the aquifers which supply the company, posing a threat to the viability of this important local business which provides a lot of valuable employment.6. The edge of the site fringes on the Shepley War Memorial. The development would detract significantly from the vistas to and from the Memorial and be an insult to the fallen and the local volunteers who have worked to restore and maintain the dignity of this tribute to members of the village who gave their lives.	