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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

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<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed development of new homes on the land off Eastfield in Shepley by Banks Property. I believe this proposal represents a well-considered opportunity for the village to grow in a sustainable and sensitive manner, providing homes that are urgently needed while bringing wider benefits to the community.</p> <p>The chosen site is the most logical location for expansion in Shepley. It adjoins existing development, creating a natural extension to the village rather than an isolated new settlement. This approach minimises visual and environmental impact and avoids introducing new road junctions onto other already busy routes. It also respects the character of the village and aligns with sustainable development principles.</p> <p>Shepley, like many villages in Kirklees, faces a growing challenge with an ageing population and a shortage of suitable, affordable homes for younger families. Much of the existing housing stock consists of larger properties, often occupied by older residents whose children have moved away. At the same time, high house prices make it difficult for young people and families to remain in, or move into, the village. The average house price in Shepley is around £340,000, while median full-time pay in Kirklees is roughly £666 per week. This disparity clearly highlights the local affordability issue.</p> <p>The proposal to include 35% affordable housing is therefore especially welcome. This commitment exceeds the local policy requirement and will provide a real opportunity for local families, first-time buyers, and key workers to find homes within their community. Ensuring that a significant proportion of these homes are affordable will help rebalance the housing mix, encourage a more diverse and sustainable population, and support the future vitality of the village.</p> <p>The development's proximity to the village school is another major advantage. Many</p>	

The development's proximity to the village school is another major advantage. Many parents currently drive short distances from nearby estates for school drop-offs, adding unnecessary traffic to local roads. Locating new housing within walking distance of the school will reduce this reliance on cars, making the school-run safer and more sustainable. It will also help maintain healthy pupil numbers at a time when many local schools are seeking to increase their intake.

While any new development will inevitably lead to some increase in traffic, this proposal makes use of existing road infrastructure, limiting the need for new junctions and minimising disruption. It is also worth considering that in this post-pandemic age, a large proportion of workers are based from home the majority of the working week; further reducing traffic numbers, and therefore pressure, on the local network.

Importantly, Kirklees currently falls short of its five-year housing land supply. This means that well-designed, sustainable developments such as this carry significant planning weight. The Eastfield site is well placed to contribute to the district's housing targets while delivering a development that fits naturally within the existing fabric of Shepley.

Overall, I believe this scheme represents a positive step for the future of Shepley. It is ideally located, thoughtfully planned, and responsive to the genuine needs of the village. It will bring much-needed affordable family housing, help address demographic imbalances, support local services and schools, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the community.

For these reasons, I wish to record my full support for the planning application for the proposed development at Eastfield, Shepley, and I hope the Council will look favourably upon it.