

I would like to make you aware of the below information contradicting the heritage report supplied by Banks.

In 2003 the landowner received a grant from DEFRA to support the growth of a specialist thatching crop. This was formal recognition by government of its agricultural significance and public benefit. By omitting this context, the heritage report presents a misleading narrative that the land has negligible heritage or agricultural value. In reality, the proposal would erode a surviving element of Shepley's rural character - one recognised by both local planning history and national agricultural policy.

This, along with the **SPZ1** proximity of the proposed sloping site to a **national bottled water supplier** (in fact global, I have seen Ice Valley abroad!), the **easement restrictions** regarding access and drainage and the **restrictive covenant regarding avoiding nuisance or annoyance to adjoining landowners** - and also considering the increased traffic to already strained rural roads covered in pot holes, **parked cars making most roads one-way and speeding drivers with two crashes** in the last week including a **pedestrian** being hit at a zebra crossing on the main road residents of this proposed development would use..the **listed** school building and the **listed** war memorial, the woods bordering the site found on the earliest ordnance survey maps with **native bluebells** and evidence of **ancient trees**, the calm and place of reflection at the war memorial site that would be obliterated if this was approved and further development were to surround it which the wider boundary plans suggest..

I am by no means against all new developments, and I understand the motives for selling up farmland at retirement age - but approval of this specific proposal would be absolutely detrimental to our rural village.

Many locals I have spoken to are against the plan, but haven't felt the need to object as they "can't see it being approved".

If it is approved, despite the several reasons it should not even be considered, the precedent this will set and the wider boundary plans suggest the level of development will no doubt cause road deaths without speed cameras and double yellows all along the main road. The character of the village would be decimated, and it's already becoming less of a desirable area than it used to be known as (mainly due to the traffic!) - this would be the final nail in the coffin.