

I am a nearby resident and I strongly object to this proposed housing development. The number of houses being proposed is far too excessive for the size of Shepley village, and the impact on local roads and infrastructure will be severe.

Grounds for Objection

1. Excessive Scale and Overdevelopment

The proposal for 110 homes is disproportionate to the size and character of Shepley. This is Green Belt land, intended to protect rural character and prevent urban sprawl. Approving this development would irretrievably damage the village's identity and set a dangerous precedent for further Green Belt erosion.

2. Traffic and Road Safety Concerns

The development will likely add over 200 cars to local roads, creating congestion and safety hazards. The existing road network is already under strain, and any suggestion of introducing one-way systems as a countermeasure would negatively impact residents' daily lives. Furthermore, the steep gradient of the road leading onto the main road makes conditions particularly dangerous during icy or snowy weather, increasing the risk of accidents and making access even more hazardous.

3. Pressure on Local Services and Schools

Shepley First School is already oversubscribed. Adding 110 homes will significantly increase demand for school places, yet there is no clear plan for how this will be managed without disadvantaging existing residents. My own daughter has already been unable to secure a place at the school, which highlights the current strain on capacity. It is unfair if funding and capacity improvements only occur because of this development, effectively prioritizing new residents over existing families.

4. Environmental and Unknown Impacts

Building on Green Belt land will destroy wildlife habitats and alter drainage patterns. There are also potential risks to local water sources and other environmental factors that may only become apparent after construction.

5. Infrastructure Limitations

Local roads, healthcare facilities, and utilities are not equipped to handle such a large influx of residents. The developer's promises of contributions do not guarantee timely or adequate improvements.