

Address: 7, Lea Head, Huddersfield, Hd88en

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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I strongly object to the development which is proposed on a green belt land which will spoil the village of Shepley, contribute to urban sprawl and harm wildlife and the local environment and views.

There is no unmet housing need that this development meets. Two recent housing developments in Shepley have stalled, one has gone bankrupt. The facts do not support the claim that there is an unmet housing need.

The applicant uses national and local policies in relation to housing plans and development interchangeably to support different parts of their arguments.

The fact that Kirklees Council has not met its national requirement to have a five-year housing supply should not impact Shepley - there are identified grey belt sites that could be used with less environmental impact on our countryside.

The proposed one way route for traffic construction is unsafe, with the exit down a very steep gradient on Lea Drive to a main road, A629 which is dangerous, particularly in ice and snow. Traffic will also impact on all traffic through the village and walkers, children cycling and the road safety of children being brought to school and nursery on Lea Drive. There is already two very bad traffic accident areas coming out of the A629 and at the Sovereign petrol station, which higher volumes of both construction traffic and potential higher number of residents will exacerbate.

The local shop, the Co-op is not a supermarket as the application suggests and is not a place that people will do a weekly shop. The station does not provide a regular and reliable commuter route and there is no parking available. There is also no accessible access to one of the platforms.

The proposed development will also impact the protected water source of a very important and long standing local business, Shepley Spring, which it is likely to lose if the development goes ahead.

The primary school will be at capacity at the time the development would be complete and not able to take more children from additional housing. Broadband services will also be diluted, impacting existing residents and local organisations.

Local healthcare services cannot cope with an additional number of residents and such a development would strain and negatively impact the access and quality of care of residents.

There are alternatives for the purchase and use of this land which should be explored and the development should not go ahead.