



I strongly object to this application for a number of reasons.

The hydrogeological impact assessment is based on assumptions about the nature of the Shepley Spring boreholes and the SPZ. Significant further work and understanding of the baseline is required to outline the risks to the short term and long term operation of the site, and the jobs that will protect. The sensitivity of the abstraction should be 'very high'.

The recharge assessment is not explained and the conclusions questionable.

The report fails to emphasise that if pollution impacts the aquifer at any stage the effects could be long lasting.

Without knowing the depth of abstractions, and borehole engineering an assessment cannot be made. Age and condition of the abstraction boreholes will be important even if shallow geology is cased out.

Mitigation measures outlined in terms of drainage and water management are stringent. There is low faith that the developer would in reality comply with the tight standards and monitoring required, or that the council would have the manpower to enforce them over the construction or operation phase, or that an action plan would be adequate to protect the source.

I could go on but without understanding the depth and engineering of the Shepley Spring abstractions, and how this particular SPZ has been defined by the Environment Agency, the water quality, and pathways, further comments or assessment conclusions can only be limited. I look forward to seeing the Environment Agency's review. There is potential to set a dangerous precedent if this planning application is granted for all development applications over SPZ 1, including public drinking water supply and other drinks businesses.

My other objections are based on the inappropriate location of this development on Green Belt. Let me be clear, I am not against house building in general and understand the need for it. There have been other developments in our local villages that I have not objected to as they have enhanced the area. This application on Green Belt is an inappropriate location and will be a detriment to the unique character of the village.

The number of new houses proposed will cause a huge amount of additional traffic on our local roads, particularly when paired with significant other developments, and I do worry about the impact on local services-our GP surgery and schools.

The cumulative impact of this development with the numerous other developments we are seeing in the area-Shepley and surrounding villages in HD8 is eroding the unique special character of the villages we all love.

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