

Address: 5, Knowle Park Avenue, Huddersfield, HD8 8EZ

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 proposed planning application to build over 100 properties on the farmland behind Knowle Park Avenue at Shepley.

I live on Knowle Park Avenue and the grounds for my objections are as follows:-

1. my children play on the street outside our house and have done so safely since they were able to walk/ride bikes etc. The low volume of traffic makes this one of the main reasons we originally bought the house. An additional 200ish cars using these roads to access the proposed development site would make this less safe for children of local residents and increase the risk of accidents

2. Currently many parents park on Lea drive and Stone Croft Gardens when dropping off or collecting their children from Shepley First School. The increase in traffic if the development goes ahead will make this a genuine safety issue as children of a young age without much road sense often run across the street without looking

3. The gradient of Lea Drive as it joins Abbey Road is severe. The increased volume in traffic would make this an accident hotspot in wet/icy conditions. In snowy conditions, it is literally impossible to get up, and impossible to get down safely without risk of sliding out into the main road

4. The view we enjoy over the countryside will be ruined and replaced with rows and rows of houses should the development go ahead - this view was a significant factor in us moving into the house in the first place

5. Building on this Green Belt land will contribute to urban sprawl. Shepley is a rural village with amenities to match. Adding such a large volume of houses will put disproportionate strain on these amenities. The Co-Op is a small local shop not a supermarket, the train station is small with a very infrequent and unreliable service, we have been in the area for 8 years and still haven't been able to access a local dentist etc.

6. Yorkshire Water have indicated that the existing infrastructure in their network won't be adequate to support the the proposed development. They have recently finalised and agreed their 8 year capital plan with Ofwat, this does not include investment necessary to support a build of the scale suggested.

7. Broadband speeds will be affected with the vast increase in devices (tv's, mobile phones, iPads etc.) taking up bandwidth on existing networks

I hope these objections will be taken into account when considering this application.