



I would like to raise an objection on the following grounds:

1. The proposal for 110 new houses could mean an additional 220 cars driving through Lea Drive/Eastfield/The Knowle. This is a residential estate where we have children and older people (and cats) who will be at risk with the increased amount of traffic. At school drop off/pick up times, there are already a lot of cars parked on Lea Drive and Stoncecroft Gardens. More parked cars will make it difficult for people to negotiate crossing roads etc.

2. A one way system has been proposed, with vehicles entering from The Knowle and exiting down Lea Drive. At present, we have the choice. It is already hazardous exiting out of Lea Drive particularly if you want to turn right as visibility is difficult due to cars parked on the main road obscuring the view. Many people therefore exit out of The Knowle as visibility is better. It is also flat which Lea Drive is not. It is extremely dangerous going down Lea Drive in icy weather and easy to slide out onto the main road and cause a collision. Many drivers exit via The Knowle for safety reasons. In bad weather, many people would be confined as they could not safely get out of the estate.

3. During development, we would have lorries/large vehicles going in and out of the estate for a long time - possibly years, plus a lot more vehicles once the houses become occupied. The estate would become very busy and hazardous with all the extra traffic.

4. The development has been marketed as being close to a primary school, shops, GP surgery etc. However, two families have very recently moved into Lea Drive and Stonecroft Gardens and were unable to get their young children into Shepley Primary school, meaning that they have to be driven to Shelley instead. If this is already the case, it will surely be a problem for people with children moving into the new houses. The GP surgery is also at capacity. It is very difficult to get a doctor's appointment so this will get worse. We have lovely shops but parking is very difficult for those that cannot walk to the shops. This will only get worse.

The developers say they will incorporate a children's play area but this is unnecessary as we already have one on the rec by the school. It's the increase in traffic that will be awful and very dangerous. The A629 going towards Huddersfield is already dreadful - it will only get worse if that's possible.

5. The business of Shepley Spring will be severely impacted. It may have to close down which would be a blow for the village as they employ a lot of local people. They also provide a lot of support for Shepley and the surrounding area.

6. Would internet services be able to cope with the increase of 110 households? More people now work from home, children are set homework to do online, numerous services require us to be online, so we all therefore need good internet access. This proposed increase in households could slow the internet services down.