

Address: 9, STONEBRIDGE WALK, SHEPLEY, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 8BS

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 object firstly due to safety. There will be additional road traffic emerging at either the Knowle, where the visibility is poor both here and at Yew Tree and both cars have to guess priority for turning; or Lea Drive where parked cars, the steep incline and the busy main road would worsen safety, especially during rush hours.

The area is close to the first school and the playing fields and is a walk to route for both. At drop off /pick up times there are numerous additional parked cars so additional traffic would compound the safety of people approaching these places.

Claims by the proposal that Shepley station has good transport links are laughable. The trains are hourly, do not run late, are frequently delayed or cancelled. Access to the platforms is poor and totally lacking for prams and wheelchairs. There is NO parking provision and the hilly access is never gritted (residents struggle to drive up when it snows). The buses are little better and do not really run at times suited to commuters.

Also laughable is the description of our local Coop as a supermarket. It is a small local shop with a very limited range of goods and the majority of residents do their weekly shop elsewhere (with the subsequent increased vehicle usage)

Our Health Centre already has a wide catchment and limited daily appointments which additional population increases will only worsen. The dentist does not meet the NHS sign up needs for local people at present and our broadband will struggle more if another 110 properties are diluting the existing speeds.

our local school may have places at present but predictions for future growth will result in small children having to travel out of the village to find places.

I also have concerns about the local water. The sewer network does not have sufficient capacity for this development. Shepley Spring, which contributes to the village in numerous ways (contributions to charity events, magazine costs) depends for its existence on a clean source and these houses are being built in close proximity to its bore-hole.

Lastly I feel that Banks group is playing "fast and Loose" with its interpretation of planning regulations. It is cherry picking from both local and national plans to ensure that this greenbelt site can be redesignated as a greyfield site. This village has already had recent housing development, some of which is still being constructed and all of which could cause some of the impacts already outlined. To have another 110 properties constructed will only cause further problems. These developments do not reflect the wishes of the residents expressed in the Ask Shepley survey carried out by Kirklees Council nearly a decade ago, both in the type and size of housing and the impact on local resources.