

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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<p>I would like to object to the requested planning permission on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Green field site. The developer argues that the land can be categorised as grey belt i.e. does not have any value as a green field site. I walk my dog along this field on a relatively regular basis and would comment that it has provided harvests on an annual basis, providing food for either humans or animals, an essential requirement for our health and ability to feed ourselves. If we continue to remove green belt because it is purely agricultural we will become more reliant on non-local providers, meaning more food miles.</p> <p>2. Access to the site The developer argues that they will improve the road network around the site by making Knowle Park Avenue one way and removing pinch points. This will force residents of the new development and the current houses along Lea Drive/Eastfield to exit their homes via Lea Drive. Lea Drive has a relatively steep gradient onto the main road and limited visibility once you are at the end of the road, with many cars parked on the road side in both directions. Shepley is known to have relatively hard winters and if this road becomes icy cars will have issues stopping before the road. If you slide across the road and luckily do not hit anything else there is a dry stone road, with a very large drop to the stream below. There is a danger a car may demolish the wall and end up in the stream below. Probably leading to serious or worse injuries.</p> <p>3. Development Traffic The residents of Eastfield and Lea Drive will have to put up with an enormous amount of large development equipment passing their properties throughout the building of the site, potentially up to 4+ years if the Vivly development off the main road is anything to go by. The saving grace here is that the Vivly development is accessed directly from the main road and not through an existing residential area.</p> <p>4. Cycling proficiency I learned on Saturday that Shepley School utilises Eastfield and Lea Drive to undertake cycling proficiency with their pupils. This would be impossible if development traffic used the same roads.</p> <p>5. Shepley Springs Shepley is proud of the continued support of Shepley Springs including the employment it brings to the area. This development has the potential to disrupt, if not</p>	

employment it brings to the area, this development has the potential to disrupt, if not completely destroy, the aquifer that provides the company with its product. It would be a real travesty if planning led to a successful company failing.

6. Continued in-fill

Shepley has already been the subject of many new developments:

a) Taylors Green ~ 27 houses

Developer went bust leaving the site unfinished.

b) Vivly

Developer appears to have paused the development - I heard because they are not selling their houses.

c) Off Marsh Lane - not sure on number of houses, ~10.

d) Less recently,

i) in-fill between Jenkyn Lane and Stocksway

ii) Fields opposite the Vivly site.

7. Lack of infrastructure

Shepley has one small supermarket, one doctors surgery (covering a much wider area than Shepley itself), one school, which, according to the back up documentation in the planning application, is already oversubscribed. It is already difficult for locals to park by the supermarket, get a doctors appointment or get a child into the school. A further 110 houses can only add to the strain on the infrastructure.

Whilst the developer states we are well covered by public transport the villagers know that it is not reliable, with buses and trains cancelled with no notice.

8. Additional traffic

With 110 additional houses there will come at least 1 car per household and, if anyone goes along Stocksway it can be noted that many houses have 2 or 3 cars some of which cannot park on the residents driveway - making it difficult to negotiate the streets. Taking an average of 2.1 cars per household this will be 231 cars to an already heavily trafficked area. Shepley residents have long been concerned by the speeding which takes place through the village. Additional cars could add to this danger.