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### Search application details

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 WOULD LIKE MY ADDRESS TO BE REMOVED PLEASE

I would like to object to this application on the basis of safety issues due to poor accessibility to the site. The building of this site will result in an unacceptable impact on highways safety. Kirklees local plan states ' The council is committed to ensuring new developments do not materially add to existing highway problems or undermine the safety of all users of the network' The access to the site is proposed initially off Abbey Road South onto the Knowle, then turning right up Knowle Park Avenue. The application states that Knowle Park Avenue would become a one way street, and leaving the site would be via Lea Drive. The junction from Abbey Road South turning into The Knowle is on a corner with limited visual ability due to the house at the corner of the Knowle and Abbey South blocking the view of turning traffic.

The Knowle is too narrow for two cars to pass comfortably, and with the addition of HGV's from Shepley Spring, it leads to cars having to mount the pavement or means pulling into the opening of Knowle Park Avenue to be able to pass safely. The bus stop for Kirkburton Middle School is just outside The Knowle and children walking to Shepley First School walk on the Knowle and up Knowle Park Avenue. The addition of potentially 200 cars (presuming each household has 2 cars) or in the construction phases which could last for months or years, for lorries and heavy machinery to drive on the roads will cause an indisputable level of unsafety particularly for children and pedestrians walking on the pavements.

I urge you to assess this road junction and imagine children walking on the pavement at the same time as Heavy Machinery or 200 more cars, delivery drivers to the homes proposed. The infrastructure at this particular site and safety is simply not there. Leaving via Lea Drive is also proposed. This route, unless you are familiar with the area, becomes very congested during school drop off and pick up times as the road is used for parents to drop off their children and walk up the snicket to school, thus avoiding Firth Street where parking has been an issue for some time. It is also on a slope that becomes hazardous during winter when ice and snow make the road slippery and Abbey Road South is a busy main road. Joining the main road from this junction is poor in terms of access and I can see a proposal to use double yellow lines however has this taken into account where residents of Abbey Road would park, as many of the homes do not have any parking. This area is a route frequently used by children to walk to school or ride their bikes, as the council would like to promote, however it will not be safe to do so if the levels of traffic through narrow roads is vastly increased.

The main road up through Shepley near the Sovereign is also an accident blackspot. I appreciate we need new homes, but not in places where access would cause safety concerns and prevent children from being able to walk safely to school.

The proposed site is also Greenbelt, there must be other sites that should be considered before this one.