

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 have concerns about this application. This is a village with a main road running through it. This application is to build 110 houses on a greenfield site on the quieter side of the village. It currently has little through traffic emerging at the Lea Drive exit, which is steep, slippery in winter and emerges onto a major trunk road with parked cars on both sides of the exit. The proposal suggests that all traffic from the existing and this proposed site should use this exit, which is a safety nightmare in winter. That exit also get additional parked cars twice a day as people drop off and walk thier children down the alley way to the nearby First School. With so many children accessing this route to school, the playing field and playgrounds behind it and the woodland used by numerous walker, the thought of heavy building vehicles, followed by numerous additional commuters all moving towards this tiny unsuitable exit makes this part of the proposal scary. To route them through the Knowle exit opposite Yew Tree is equally unsuitable. Residents already have to guess who will turn first at this crossroad and the visibility on both sides is very poor.</p> <p>The proposals have implied that some additional Vehicle commuting will be reduced by the existing public transport. This is laughable and unlikely. The hourly train service has a poor record for reliability and the platform access is poor (with no access for wheelchairs or pushchairs on one side). Access in winter is poor with ungritted roads and pavements on the slope down to the station. There is also no designated parking provision for the station, which is served by a dead end road, involving complex procedureds for cars to turn around, right in the way of the dog walkers and older pupils who walk to Shelley via the local stretchgates path. The buses are also poor both in frequecy and the time needed to get to any nearby town (as they go via numerous other villages). They too do not run late and crossing the road to reach the bus stops is very hazardous except at the one crossing point.</p> <p>These new proposed residents are also likely to use additional vehicles to access other facilities. The local shop is not a supermarket. It is a small local shop with a limited range of slightly more expensive goods. the new residents are likely to drive to real supermarkets or use delivery vans for their weekly shop, causing more traffic. parking to pop in is already a real problem in the village.</p> <p>This village has already had three new building sites opened up within the last few years, the homes on them are still being constructed. The majority of these homes are</p>	

years, the homes on them are still being constructed. The majority of these homes are 4 bedroom houses. When Kirklees Council carried out its "Ask Shepley" survey about a decade ago, the outcome showed the need for starter homes and residences for downsizing. This proposal does not seem to consider these needs in its proposals. The Banks Group also appears to be cherry picking from the planning frameworks of both the National Government and Kirklees. This is a greenfield site and there should be a good reason to build on it.

The increase in our local population will have impacts on many other residents because of the additional pressure on limited local resources. Our broadband facilities will be further diluted as hundreds of additional adults come on stream (that does not include the additional persons in the currently unoccupied homes for which planning permission is already granted. The same is true of our medical facilities and the local schools. The Health Centre already has limitations on appointments and whilst the School currently has places it is predicted to be full soon without these additional homes. This means very young children having to travel out of village to be educated. My other concern is linked to our local water supply. Yorkshire Water has no plans to increase capacity and the sewage network will not be adequate for these additional 110 homes. They are being built near the bore holes used by Shepley Spring. If this gets contaminated it will wipe out a long established local industry, which has contributed to numerous village charities and helps support things like our village magazine, as well as providing local jobs.