

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

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<p>The principle of building housing on this site designated Green Belt in a medium sized village with limited and already oversubscribed facilities and roads should be rejected on many grounds.</p> <p>1) There are not special circumstances to justify building on Green Belt land which has not been considered as part of the local plan process. It is one of many 'green belt' sites which Developers are willing to take a chance on for huge financial gain. The site is an Greenfield agricultural site and always has been and has produced rare thatch, it should not in planning terms warrant the classification is grey-field. The use of this term is highly questionable and open to legal interpretation which is being used by too many developers and landowners for their own benefit. This does not benefit the community in the slightest.</p> <p>2) Access for construction and future traffic entering and exiting the site is restricted to one small existing access road which relies on access via a low density housing area many of which are elderly residents in bungalows. There are many families which use the local streets for walking to and from school and the extra traffic during and after construction will reduce safety on local roads.</p> <p>3) Local roads are already dangerous and the extra traffic and cars generated will add to the problems. The A629 is a high traffic route which already suffers with people speeding over the pedestrian crossing and there have been many fatal and near fatal accidents at the Sovereign crossroads. Further development will exacerbate the problems. Proposing egress from the site via a one way system using a sloping road from Stonecroft Gardens is ludicrous. In winter this road resemble an ice rink and local residents all avoid its use at all costs, due to skidding into Abbey Road (A629), a main road through the village. Not to mention all the parked cars that use this area at school drop off and pickup. Extra traffic all exiting via this route is highly dangerous.</p> <p>4) The suggestion that the location of the train station and bus routes within walking distance provide a sustainable development option is ludicrous. Trains are often less frequent than one per hour and are often cancelled and not running and bus routes</p>	

infrequent than one per hour and are often cancelled and not running and bus routes and times extremely infrequent. The reality is this development will create a whole new group of people all jumping in their cars, commuting to work, driving their children to local schools and clogging up already unsuitable and overused roads. The route passed the shops is often impassable due to parked cars and loading vehicles. Extra housing will make this worse and more dangerous.

5) There is already no or limited at times parking for the use of village facilities such as shops, train station and school. Adding another 200+ car users to the small village will exacerbate the problem.

6) The location of the site within the SPZ1 poses a significant environmental risk to future contamination of spring water which supplies Shepley Spring, a highly successful local business which provides employment locally and supplies water globally. Shepley Spring have submitted comprehensive reports to object on these grounds.

7) Loss to ancient woodland and wildlife and proximity to Grade II Listed War Memorial in Shepley Woods. Development would mean the loss of ancient woodland and hedgerows which should be protected rather than destroyed.

8) There are lots of other housing sites in Shepley and the village can not sustain any more. They are often not even affordable or of the suitable size to allow younger people who have grown up in the area to buy.

This application should be refused at this outline stage as establishing the principle of development on Green Belt land on the edge of a beautiful village will set the precedence for a very sad future of such villages. Also it poses a very real environmental risk to an established local business.