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**To:** DC Admin  
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Hello,

Please log this as a representation to 2025/92776.

Kind Regards

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Dear Ms Bearcroft,

I write to register my objection to the above application for extensive residential housing off Eastfield's in Shepley. The plans on line do seem somewhat vague and lacking in any detail when one considers the geology, the infrastructure and the status of the land, This is old ,beloved and valuable agricultural land, abridged by very old and precious woodland.

This has been well used green belt land for the purposes of thatching straw.

The potential impact on this community and outlying community would be catastrophic.

The village holds the site a significant commercial entity of Shepley spring, who have for years, responsibly harnessed the water around the area. The plans would have unmitigable risk to the water table and thereby the community and the business of Shepley Spring. The contingency re this from the building company is woefully inadequate and lacks detail. When considering the economic impact, Shepley Springs are a major employer in Huddersfield and it would be reckless to compromise this business.

The girth of the building would decimate the business and the habitat of the flora and fauna that currently live in harmony with the business.

The Highways impact would be huge, Shepley has already accommodated some significant development and the demands on the roads can be witnessed by the poor state of the roads and the many road traffic collisions in that area along Penistone Road. The current developments (being built) have been done with some thought to the community and have been largely accepted as fitting housing stock. They have been built well and with consultation with the local community.

The current proposal is one that is not for the purpose of meeting housing needs and adding enrichment, but it is about making money.

Turning back to the highways issue, to some degree even the building company have accepted this by suggesting a one way system. There is no thought to the congestion that will fall, the community that currently live there and the the flow of usual traffic. There is clear risk re response times for the emergency services. The people in this area will find getting out of their village hard. The access is at a poor site line into the main road. Places more risk of road traffic accidents.

It goes without saying that this area is an area enjoyed by many as a route over to other villages and is rich in diverse wildlife and it is totally unnecessary and a travesty to destroy it.

I live in the next village and we are hampered with traffic exiting Shepley to Holmfirth. The route through the woods along Shepley road is a rat run. The road is largely single track and lined by trees. It is not a road that was designed for the volume of traffic we currently have. . This over development of Shepley village, will make matters even worse. The traffic in the area is going to be such that it will be unsafe to walk between all the villages. Quite simply the road systems are not suited for these huge housing developments. The villages are where farming communities lived and the infrastructure has largely not changed.

The schools in the area are all village schools, not equipped to deal with the potential growth. This applies to the rest of the facilities. There is one coop shop, which is small and expensive, a café, a train station. Please note that this does not facilitate a shopping trip for essentials. The village is a village and not one that can sustain an estate, especially families that needs economically viable facilities. The doctor's surgery is full and the library has only just been saved by the local people.

I ask you to reject the plans,

Regards

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