

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I am not in favour of this development as it would be built directly on top of agricultural land (green belt). we import a large amount of our food, and this would continue to degrade the available arable land. The land is occupied by a wide and varied animal range, including fox, bat, owl, newt and insect. removing this land from green belt will directly affect the natural habitat of the above mentioned and other species, where natural habitat is being erroded nationally. (This also includes the building developments already ongoing in the village, all of which appear to have been build on green belt).

The village has significant challenges with traffic, in particular the Cross Lane / Sovereign Cross roads junction, which is a high accident location, with the number of vehicles we can expect from this new development, (say 2 per household), this further increases the likelihood of serious or fatal accidents at this location and others through the village. We have lost the pedestrian crossing warden a number of years ago, the central zebra crossing to the village remains a very dangerous location due to volume of traffic.

I fear for the furture of Shepley Spring , who has been a major employer to the village for many decades. building on this land puts that company at risk due to the nature of collecting spring water for human consumption, i feel that this alone should be a strong enough objection to prevent building of any type on the business catchment area and land surrounding the company. If any contamination makes its way into the food chain(Spring Water), this will effectively mean the closure of a major employer in the area.

The location of the proposed building plot is accessed through a small housing estate with narrow roads and two challenging acceses, one of these is via a steep incline which is dangerous during adverse weather, and the second one will be competing with HGV's that service local businesses. I feel that both accesses are not sufficient to firstly accommodate either the heavy equipment used to build such a site or secondly, manage the volume of vehicles this will invariably bring once completed. Again working on the pretext of a minimum 2 vehicles per household (220-250 vehicles extra).

Shepley is a small village and has contributed a number of times to building expansion, with more houses already in the pipeline (Vivly Site). Once these are all completed and occupied, we are looking at a significant uplift on demand for service for the School, Doctors, Dentist and small Co-operative shop. I feel with what is being built already, this may bring the village to a complete standstill.