

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 wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed development of 110 houses on land off Eastfield, Shepley, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Road Safety Concerns<p>The introduction of the proposed one-way system would funnel all access to the development from the A629 through the narrow road off Abbey Road along The Knowle. This route is already heavily used by large lorries travelling to and from the Shepley Spring site, and any increase in traffic would significantly worsen risks for both road users and pedestrians.</p><p>The only proposed exit from the development would be via the steep downhill slope where Lea Drive meets the A629. This junction is already avoided by many residents due to extremely poor visibility—particularly when turning right, where parked cars obstruct the view. In winter, the incline becomes hazardous, with vehicles often sliding or creeping down the icy slope towards fast-moving traffic on the main road.</p><p>In addition, the internal estate roads—Lea Drive, Eastfield, and Knowle Park Avenue—are narrow and already congested with cars parked partly on the road and pavements. This problem is particularly acute during school drop-off and pick-up times for Shepley First School. The current proposal does not adequately address these existing safety issues.</p>2. Loss of Green Belt Land<p>Green Belt land should only be developed in exceptional circumstances. There is already a significant amount of undeveloped land within the Kirklees area designated for future housing. In this case, the developer appears to be selectively highlighting factors that support their proposal without fully acknowledging or mitigating the wider impacts on the community and the environment.</p>3. Potential Impact on Shepley Spring<p>I understand that housing development on this site risks affecting water supplies for Shepley Spring, including the possibility of water contamination. Both issues pose serious threats to the operation of the business. Shepley Spring is a major local employer with over 100 staff, and any risk to its water source could jeopardise its</p>	

employer with over 130 staff, and any risk to its water source could jeopardise its viability and future investment in the area.

4. Limitations of Local Infrastructure

The developer's claim that Shepley has its own "supermarket" is misleading. While the village convenience store is extremely useful for small purchases such as milk, newspapers, or occasional items, it is not a supermarket and cannot meet the needs of weekly household shopping.

Residents of the proposed 110 homes would therefore need to travel several miles to access a full-sized supermarket, increasing traffic volumes. Alternatively, more households may rely on online grocery deliveries, adding yet more delivery vehicles to our already congested and narrow village roads.

Summary

The Banks Development proposal fails to take into account multiple significant local issues that would arise if the plans were approved. The most pressing concerns relate to road safety, followed closely by the potential threat to an important local employer and the unnecessary loss of valuable Green Belt land.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development.