

Address: 3, EASTFIELD, SHEPLEY, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 8HB

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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I object to the proposed housing development off Eastfield. As a long-time resident from Eastfield, I know how much of a bad idea this development is and the following reasons are the basis of my objection.

We live in a countryside village surrounded by fields and greenery – protected by Green Belt land. The proposed development is on green belt land. Government policy states that only exceptional circumstances should allow building on green belt land and the land for development is not infill land as it next to fields and farmland. The site is also a working farm. If green belt building for housing is approved, where does it stop? Most importantly, the access to the proposed development is out of order. There is no scope for additional traffic along Eastfield, The Knowle or Lea Drive, with the streets frequently used for children playing, pick up and drop off for Shepley First School and their annual cycling proficiency that takes place on the estate. Most worrying is the proposed change to make part of Knowle Park Avenue a one-way street. This would force everyone to leave via Lea Drive, which has a gradient of 1 in 7. This cannot be allowed to happen as in winter, there is no access up and down the hill due to ice and snow and the only exit available is via The Knowle and Knowle Park Avenue. If a car was to skid down into the oncoming traffic, or worse, over the road and through the wall, the occupants would plunge to their death.

The prospect of many parked cars on the road would also complicate matters further. The road is not standard road width and would be tricky with the additional traffic that it was not designed for.

Local village amenities such as the doctor's surgery and school may struggle to accommodate extra demand.

Shepley Spring is the UK's largest independent water bottle company – Shepley Spring has already object to this threat to their business, which is providing economic benefits and jobs for the local area.

There are also concerns around the sewage system not being able to support the development – as the site is not in the Kirklees Local plan, and therefore not in the Yorkshire Water Asset Management Plan. Yorkshire Water stated in a letter to Banks Group that they would not support the proposed development as the sewage network doesn't have sufficient available capacity to support a development of this size.

Whilst I am not opposed to new houses being built, the new Vivly development just off The Knowle is still struggling to sell houses and the development at the Shepley / Shelley border on Abbey Road has gone bust. There is clearly not a demand for more additional housing in Shepley. As I have mentioned previously, the access to this site is a clear problem and the destruction of farming and green belt land. I look forward to hearing Kirklees Council using their common sense and refusing this absurd application.