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**To:** DC Admin  
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I am writing to object to the planning application on land at the end of Eastfield Shepley.

The land is green belt and correctly used for farming. I believe that farm land should always be used for farming. As a country we need to grow as much of the food we need locally. We should be building on brown field sites.

Part of the proposed site is land adjacent to Shepley Spring. The company is a major employer in the village employing over 130 people. The land is subject to a source protection zone and there is major concern that proposed construction work could seriously damage or destroy the water source and put an end to a local major employer.

Sit access is poor as the existing roads are quite narrow and with on street parking. The road surface is basically concrete with a thin layer of tarmac not suitable for heavy vehicles. It already is a patchwork of repairs.

The roads are mostly quiet allowing children to play in the street and the village school to use them for cycling proficiency training. Any increase in traffic would put an end to that.

It is proposed that all traffic would leave the estate via Lea Dr onto the very busy A629. The gradient down to the main road is approx 1 in 7 and in inclement weather quite treacherous. Many cars on those days leave by Knowle Park ave where the gradient is far more gentle. Under the proposal that would not be allowed if Knowle Park became one way.

Access to the village school via Firth st is very restricted and as a result a great number of cars use Lea dr and Stonecroft as a drop off/pick up point at the start and end of the school day. I live at the corner of Lea dr and Stonecroft and witness that everyday. Because of the limited parking available on the main rd we do get vehicles parked on Lea dr close to the main road.

Transport links in the village are limited. There is an hourly train service to either Huddersfield or Sheffield direction, but as much of the line is single track as soon as one train is delayed the train running in the opposite direction becomes delayed. Whenever I need to use the train I always have a back up plan as the service is not the most reliable. That means using the car. People not trusting the service puts more cars on the busy A629 and surrounding roads. There is no parking provision at the station and limited parking on Station rd. Far from ideal having to walk across the village especially in poor weather. One platform is accessed only by some narrow steps so denying access to anyone with mobility difficulties or perhaps a mum with a child's buggy.

We have the D2 and D3 buses to Huddersfield. There is only one bus approximately every hour and the D2 wanders its way to town taking about 45mins. The service ends at teatime so of no use when attending an evening event in Huddersfield. The X1 service from Holmfirth to Wakefield is again hourly and finishes early evening. The D2 and D3 do not run on a Sunday. Many folks therefore prefer to use a car. Any new development would bring more vehicles onto already congested roads. We have an accident blackspot at the Sovereign crossroads and there will be an increase in HGV traffic after a recent planning consent for a quarry close by.

Yorkshire Water have said that the sewer network cannot cope with further development. The planning application states there is a supermarket in the village. That is incorrect as the local coop is a convenience store. Any visit to a large supermarket means a round trip of 10 miles. The village school is almost at capacity and as a Victorian building on a restricted site leaving no room to expand.

The local health centre covers a wide catchment area and it's already difficult to get an appointment. Adding 110 houses would certainly add to the problem.