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I've just learned that the government has added a classification of "grey fields", in conjunction with brown and green field sites, ie formerly green fields adjacent to villages, which planning departments are being urged to approve for house building. When you consider that they have also imposed inheritance taxes on farmers, who will have to begin selling off parcels of land in order to keep at least some of the farm going, it's easy to imagine a time when there will be few if any farms left. And all of our food will have to be imported. That will make us vulnerable to higher prices, control by foreign countries and food less environmentally and ethically produced.

In my village, Shepley, hundreds of houses have already been built or are in the planning process. There are not enough places for the children we already have in the village school, seeing a doctor or dentist is a thing of the past, and public transport is inadequate. There will be a massive need for investment in the infrastructure of our villages, if this continues and it won't be cheap.
The proposed development will almost certainly result in a local business having to close with the loss of jobs and council income. They are NOT building affordable homes and on some sites building has stopped because they can't sell the big houses they are building.

[It's lazy and shortsighted that the 4000 empty houses in the local town, Huddersfield, as well as all the empty retail shops, are not being developed into much needed affordable homes, near work and better transportation, for the large number of desperate people who need them.](#)

Please stop allowing building on green and grey spaces and redevelop the towns and cities with more green spaces and more homes.
We all know that green spaces are vital for good mental health so covering our green spaces in housing and concrete doesn't make sense! Within a few miles of the village there have recently been thousands of new homes built (Penistone & Denby Dale for example).

I hope you can help to stop this unwanted, unnecessary, destructive development in our countryside. Please start by putting a stop to further building in Shepley, particularly where it threatens the viability of the longstanding, successful business, Shepley Springs.