

## 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>The site under consideration is designated green belt land. According to government proposals which come into force in April 2017, Kirklees local authority will have until December 2027 to compile a register of brownfield land - land which would be considered suitable for residential development. Why would such a development be even considered, before a full register is complete, unless that is, the interests of external, wealthy land developers is considered more important than that of the residents of a country village, like Shepley. I understand that the developers seek to have the land re-classified as greybelt, but the land in question is located in a village and as such would not fall into the category of contributing to (a) urban sprawl (with regard to towns and cities - NOT villages, (b) to prevent neighbouring towns (but NOT villages) from merging, or (c) the preservation of historic towns. I am not from the area, but have moved here, with my husband, for the very fact that Shepley is a lovely village with broad vistas of a beautiful countryside, with public access to surrounding fields for walking and enjoying nature. The importance of the existing green belt land in and around Shepley is clearly set out in paragraph 19 - Green Belt and Open Space of the Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies document. It is also clearly stated here that the The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recognises the importance of the Green Belt. I don't believe that development to the scale being proposed in the planning application is appropriate for development and to build here would be in breach of "golden rules" which are stipulated by the NPPF. For example, there does not appear to be any meaningful proposal by the developers to make any contributions to the necessary improvement to local or nation infrastructure. It is clearly recognised that Green Belt makes a significant contribution to the character and attractiveness of the district and people's quality of life. This is something which I value greatly, and feel very fortunate that I can enjoy the opportunity to live a good quality of life, which a village like Shepley currently provides. I understand that the only access to the site from Eastfield is reached either from Lea Drive or Knowle Park Avenue. I do not think that this is suitable, given that there is only one, narrow, access point into the proposed development site.</p> <p>I have recnetly engaged with our local Councillor to discuss the already, very busy Abbey Road, a road which is used daily as a main artery between Huddersfield and</p>	

Abbey Road - a road which is used daily as a main artery between Huddersfield and Sheffield. With the constant traffic of HGVs, tractors, buses, private cars and motorbikes, the noise levels are extremely high and can be heard by villagers who are not even located on, or close by, Abbey Road. This is compounded by the fact that the road is severely pock-marked by potholes, due to the high density of traffic - an issue which the local authority struggles to maintain on any satisfactory level. An increase to the level of traffic, during construction and afterwards, poses a serious risk to public health and safety. Children use the A629 Abbey Road every day to get to their bus stops to travel to local middle schools, as well as families, with younger children crossing the road to get to Shepley First School. This I believe is a serious and dangerous risk to the safety of these children and their families.

Shepley Spring, in their report to the Planning Officer, point out the risk to the quality of their water supply. This represents an existential threat to the business and its 130+ employees. I would ask the Planning Officer to take this into consideration, given that the company is a long standing employer in the village and has contributed to many local initiatives and festivals over the years.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely,