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Dear Louise,

Planning Application 2025/92776 Land at Eastfield, Shepley

My attention has been drawn to the above application which I sincerely trust the Council will reject in its entirety.

Some 7 years ago my parents (now in their 80s), taking notice of Government urgings to release larger properties for families, downsized to a bungalow on Eastfield, Shepley, a quiet, small, rural estate road with a general mix of bungalows and houses. They chose this estate because of its tranquility and its supportive community of mixed aged resident to enable them to enjoy their later years.

I visit them regularly with my children, who really look forward to seeing "their" grandma and grandad and taking advantage of the rural surroundings with them.

The planning application above, if approved, will have a disastrous effect on all our lives and spoil beyond belief the character and quality of life in Shepley and, in particular, Eastfield. This is because,

1. The establishment of a one - way system on Knowle Park Avenue will mean that there will be only one vehicular way out of the existing estate AND the proposed dwellings. This will mean ALL traffic during construction (2 years and more if the existing developments taking place are anything to go by) will pass directly in front of my parents' home, producing a total destruction their quality of life and, by extension, that of my family. After construction this will be followed by a constant increasing stream of traffic from the extra 200 cars plus service and emergency vehicles going passed their home from/to the new estate. A terrifying prospect for anyone.

Eastfield is a narrow, at present quiet, estate road which is already crumbling away because of its construction (a thin layer of tarmac over concrete) and it leads down Lea Drive to an extremely dangerous main road (A class) junction. This junction, whose gradient certainly cannot accord with Kirklees Planning Standards), is extremely dangerous in

normal times due to parked cars and is avoided in winter by present residents (by car and on foot) because of its dangers. The inclusion of making Knowle Park Avenue one way in this planning application will lead to residents (present and future) being trapped in their homes during winter months.

2. The proposed development encroaches on to the source of drinking water for Shepley Spring. This source is protected by a Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ 1) granted by the Environment Agency and other licences issued by statutory bodies. Any contamination of this source will inevitably lead to the closing down of Shepley Spring. This company is a very well-respected integral part of the village providing much needed local employment. It also contributes greatly to the local school, local amenities and local community groups. If it fails the village will lose this support and become a much more desolate place, destroying its character and negating totally any "perceived benefits" from all the developments taking place in the village. These are already struggling to sell without having another 110 (or more) added to the pile.