

83 Station Road
Shepley
Huddersfield
HD8 8DS

20 November 2025

Application nos: 2025/92776

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly oppose and object to the housing development in Shepley proposed by the Banks Group.

We already have two large developments in Shepley along the A629 that have struggled to sell despite the council's claim of unmet need for housing being a justification to grant permission. The builders have gone bust, tried again but the sites remain unfinished with all the disruption this entails for us. The urban sprawl along the A629 from Waterloo to Shepley virtually destroys the appeal and character of the individual villages and area and should be opposed for future generations to enjoy.

The sewers in Shepley are overloaded and in poor condition with groups of houses suffering from faecal stench on a regular basis e.g. Cliffe Road at Dungeon Bottom. This has been reported regularly but is ignored.

Shepley does not have a supermarket but one small Co-op with half the floor space devoted to alcohol. It's a pop-in, not suitable for a family's weekly shop.

We have a limited bus service and an unreliable train service unsuitable for any work commute. Consequently, car parking overwhelms the streets and pavements here.

The future in our village of our largest local employer and investor, Shepley Spring, is put in jeopardy by this proposal. There has been an industrial presence on the site of this company since the 1800s and any changes in vehicular access to it would threaten it's ability to function. Most importantly, the danger of contaminating the aquifers underlying the proposed build would potentially put them out of business. I refer you back to to the experience of and knowledge about the existing sewage overload here, the dangers and unhealthiness of it and nil response of the powers that be to help us.

We know this area very well, generations of families live here and we would like to keep what is good here for future generations too.

Yours sincerely,