

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I strongly object to development planned for Eastfield: The proposed site is Green Belt which I believe is a fact known to the Developer who would like to have the land reclassified as greybelt. Bank's application is selecting key points from the Local plan to suit themselves which goes against the Governments NPPF. The NPPF has rules that proposed green belt development is only deemed appropriate if it contributes to 'necessary improvements to local or national infrastructure' which in this case will be the complete opposite. The local infrastructure is already struggling. There is a serious risk to the underground water supply and to the future of local business Shepley Spring. Loss of this long established business would have a detrimental effect on the whole village. Yorkshire Water have written to Banks (letter dated 29/04/25) to say the network 'does not have sufficient available capacity '. There is already a huge amount of extra traffic on an already dangerous main road especially since so many new houses are already being built in Shepley by Vivley. There has also recently been consent for a quarry at Bromley Farm which will mean more HGV's on the A629 close to the accident black spot at the Sovereign junction. Bank's proposed access and exit points display a total lack of consideration for safety. The roads are narrow, visibility is restricted and the steep gradient on Lea Drive make it extremely dangerous in poor weather. At present, residents have to exit the estate via Knowle Park Ave. in a northbound direction to avoid their vehicles sliding down the slope on Eastfield into the path of oncoming traffic. I have personal experience of this - it's traumatic.	

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However Banks are proposing to turn Knowle Park Ave into a one-way southbound.

Access and exit for emergency vehicles will be compromised.

Transport links are inadequate and unreliable especially for commuters.

Shepley station is a single track line so is subject to delays and cancellations if there's a technical issue with a train or the line.

Station Road already gets congested as the station has no parking.

Access to platforms is also limited to anyone with mobility issues.

The increase in traffic will compromise the safety of children walking to Shepley school. The amount of cars during drop off and pick up times is already hazardous and includes the pavements being blocked further risking anyone with prams, mobility issues.

Shepley School will no longer be able to use the roads for Cycling Proficiency Courses.

The safety of children playing in the street on bikes, scooters etc will be compromised.

It will also have an impact on walkers and horse riders accessing the Kirklees Way.

The amenities in Shepley are already under pressure - there won't be enough places at the school and it's already difficult getting an appointment at the Health Center.

The local Co-op is a small convenience store with no parking, certainly NOT a supermarket as Banks have stated.

Current residents drive into Huddersfield for the weekly shop or have groceries delivered.

The impact of another 200 cars will cause more chaos.

The addition of 110 houses will inevitably have a negative impact on broadband speeds which we already struggle with, especially residents working from home.

Environmentally new houses will cause more light and noise pollution, increase the risk of flooding as hardcore will cause more runoff and destroy the habitat of local wildlife which includes pheasants, owls and bats.

Kirklees Council have already reduced opening times at the Household waste site leading to long queues on the days it is open. There has also been an increase in fly tipping.

I sincerely hope that my objections are considered and that the proposed building on Green Belt fields and farmland is rejected.