

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>I am writing to express my objections to the proposed development on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Infrastructure Road network: The A629 in Shepley is too narrow having increasing numbers of cars and HGV using this road it is becoming dangerous to navigate both as a road user and as a pedestrian. I cite the number of accidents between Carr Lane/ Cross Lane and the Sovereign, the hospitalisation of a pedestrian on the Zebra crossing at Far Bank. The similarity of placement to the Zebra crossing at Lea Drive is striking to me. The nature of the housing stock on the A629 is such that many do not have a driveway and so residents are left with no option but to park on the roadside causing reduced visibility and narrow lanes such that the road is often only wide enough for one lane of traffic Already in Shepley there have been additional car volumes as a result of the two other housing developments in Shepley alongside the A629 one of these is yet to be fully finished and so more cars will join this busy road for already approved housing developments. Additionally the 3 developments in construction at Lepton also alongside the A629 are still in construction and the associated impact of cars spewing forth onto the A629 has yet to be felt Within the last six months the A629 has been closed due to flooding three times causing traffic to be diverted The road network is unsuitable for the additional cars derived from another 110 houses</p> <p>2. Infrastructure Water The aforementioned closure of the A629 is due to the inadequacy of the water infrastructure There are other frequent water leaks evident around Firth Street Taking away green fields will only seek to exacerbate surface water drainage issues The number of blocked gullies in the area is evident especially in periods of heavy downfalls I understand also that the sewage network does not have the capacity for the proposed development, it perhaps does not have capacity for current needs</p>	

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3. Infrastructure Mobile networks and Broadband

The connectivity in this area is poor across all mobile networks

Adding further houses to the area will serve to further disadvantage this area in terms of connectivity for residents

4. Infrastructure Electricity

The fragility of the electricity supply in Shepley is the worst I have experienced. For a three month period early in 2025 my neighbours and I experienced a drop in power at 5:25 each evening to 10:15. Fluctuating voltage on the supply is not only inconvenient when your oven doesn't work but is also dangerous as the increased current can cause appliance failures risking house fires.

The above being on top of 25 unplanned power failures in the last 5 years

All infrastructure improvements required to cope with the developments in progress and new developments are in the hands of private enterprises who will undoubtedly have committed their investment plans already for at least the next 5 years.

We need to let the exiting developments in progress complete so as to allow the infrastructure companies time to embed services to the current developments and then anticipate the added impact of more new dwellings.

We cannot build if there is not appropriate infrastructure

5. Lack of local amenities leading to additional car journeys

Shepley as a village has one small <2000 sqft convenience store. Where 50% of the shop is taken up with the sale of alcohol

The nearest supermarket would be be Waterloo (if the A629 isn't closed due to floods) or Holmfirth. Leading people to do on-line shops and pull more vehicles into the area

Inadequate bus services with services being only hourly

Poor Rail services from Shepley station with only an hourly service. An even this limited service can only deliver 56% of trains leaving time (period September to October 2025)

6. Proposed access to and from Lea Drive, Eastfield and Knowle Park Avenue

Given the proposed exit from the development i.e. Lea Drive onto Abbey Road is a steep downhill (1 in 7 I believe) as it approaches the fast moving A629 is treacherous in rain, ice and snow. Many HGVs experiencing poor visibility as they pull around parked cars and accelerate uphill towards this junction. Any driver losing control would slide onto this road and into either a HGV, a pedestrian or crash through the wall at the other side of the junction and down a steep drop into the water below.