

Address: 5, KNOWLE PARK AVENUE, SHEPLEY, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 8EZ

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 would like to object to the development of a housing estate on the agricultural land on Eastfield, Shepley.</p> <p>For starters this land is greenbelt and is surrounded by other greenbelt land. In addition Shepley has already had its fair share of new build developments, Vivly Living on Abbey Road, Snowgate homes on Marsh Lane and Camstead homes, Abbey Road which have effectively already made Shepley an urban village. Therefore reclassifying the land on Eastfield as grey belt would simply be unfathomable.</p> <p>Access to the proposed site has not been thought through. There is already kerb side parking along Eastfield in particular, the bend onto Lea Drive from Eastfield is already difficult to see around especially with parked cars on the slope approaching Abbey Road, and in the winter with ice this slope is a death trap, leaving residents having to exit via Knowle Park Avenue onto the Knowle. Proposing Knowle Park Avenue as a one way street where vehicles cannot exit this way will trap residents in their homes during icy conditions. Not to mention the problems with Knowle Park Avenue itself. There are a number of vehicles that also park at the bottom of Knowle Park Avenue, since the addition of the new Vivly Living homes, this reduces the visibility at the bottom of Knowle Park Avenue in both directions. Driving on the Knowle to enter Knowle Park Avenue at the bottom can at times prove dangerous. If a lorry is coming from Shepley Spring then it results in having to reverse all the way back towards Abbey Road to let the lorry out. Therefore visibility splays at Knowle Park Avenue are a problem both ways.</p> <p>Lea Drive and Stonecroft Gardens is used as a pick up and drop off point for Shepley school. The increase in traffic caused by the development will propose a serious safety hazard for children and parents. There will be an increase in parking of the new residents who will drop/pick up their kids on the way/way home from work narrowing the road.</p> <p>There is already an issue with the school bus service due to the volume of pupils</p>	

There is already an issue with the school bus service, due to the volume of pupils needing to access Kirkburton Middle School, and Shelley College. Often these buses are over subscribed leaving pupils stranded at bus stops and schools having to communicate to get parents to pick their children up and school mini buses having to come out and collect children. The bus stop at the end of Knowle is busy with children spilling out onto the end of the Knowle. This is already dangerous but with the possibility of more children needing to catch these buses from the new developments it is simply going to make this even worse.

The sewage network does not have sufficient capacity to support the size of the development as it has struggled to support the houses in the surrounding area already, having problems with the drains where Lea Drive and Knowle Park Avenue meet.

The planning application states there is a supermarket in Shepley. This is a convenience store. You cannot do a full shop in this supermarket. Parking outside of the local Co-Op is also a problem and the addition of more houses on top of those already being built will just add to this.

The school is a Victorian listed 'village' school not an 'urban village' school. Such developments are clearly going to generate the need for additional spaces and cause admission problems, and also generating admission problems for other local schools out of the catchment area.

The development of these new build estates on greenbelt land is impacting local wildlife, increasing noise, spoiling nature due to reducing accessible green spaces for communities thus impacting mental health. Proximity to green space is linked to lower stress, anxiety and depression. Research shows that exposure to natural environments is beneficial for mental health and well being. This will also impact our children's mental health as playing out on the local street will become dangerous due to construction traffic during the build of such an estate as well as an increase in the volume of traffic once the estate is built.