



I was born in Shepley in 1948 and have lived here all my life. I have seen significant development of the village beyond belief. It no longer a small village where every one knew each other.

My address is Shepley but my neighbour could not get her child into the local school - any address below the bridge could not gain access but had to send their child to either Birdsedge or Shelley.

There are rumours that Birdsedge School will close soon so I believe Shelley will become oversubscribed.

Parking in Shepley is beyond a joke - cars regularly parked on pavements blocking them for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Adding an additional 110 houses with attendant children will add to both the school and parking issues.

Abbey Road/Penistone Road is a well used road, the development is looking to make the exit from Eastfield estate and the new houses via Lea Drive - onto a road which has cars parked on it over a steeply raked road - in winter this will be dangerous.

Local services, doctors, dentists, shops cannot cope with an additional 110 houses.

The new Vivly estate has paused the building works, I believe because they have not sold. This will extend the development work to beyond 4 years - extrapolate this to the new development - people living on the Eastfield Estate will have heavy duty construction traffic using their small residential roads for a long time.

I believe that the current sewage system/water supply system is out of date and will be unable to cope with an additional 110 houses - I believe there is no plan to improve this infrastructure. The same can be said for broad band provision.

Whilst they say that they will build a percentage of low cost houses - these will still be beyond the finances of young local people.

Most important of all, Shepley Spring has the potential to be devastated by this building works. As they say in their objections, all studies which have been done are desk based and not from the real world. Shepley Spring employ a number of local people and contribute to the village in several other ways. It would be an outrage if they were affected.