

60 Stocks Way  
Shepley.  
HD8 8DN.

## Planning Application 2025/92776

I have lived in Shepley since 1976 when we moved back to the Holmfirth area. It was a beautiful area surrounded by fields and woods where our children could play when they were old enough to explore on their own. Small developments were accepted over time on Jos Lane, Jenkin Lane, Field Head and now up Mash Lane but with the big estates now being built on Abbey Road and the one at the bottom of Stretch Gates, Shepley is merging with Shelley.

The proposed building on fields off Eastfields of 110 houses seems a step too far. This is prime Green Belt and is supposed to be protected not exploited as a money-making scheme. If Shepley needs more houses it is small starter homes for young local people not 4 or 5 Bedroom homes that few can afford.

110 homes will mean at least 200 cars and as the only access seems to be Eastfield that will be horrendous for residents already living there. Construction traffic will also have to trundle backwards and forwards presumably turning down <sup>knowle</sup> ~~Little~~ Park Avenue and out on to the A629, competing with the articulated lorries in and out to Shepley Spring and XTEX polythene. The access via Lea Drive is very steep and impossible in snow and ice unless you are prepared to risk sliding into traffic - the A629 is rarely quiet.

We have a bus service but only once an hour and none

on an evening. The ~~next~~ railway station is about a 15 minute walk away with not over-reliable trains and with steep or stepped access to both platforms. Car parking is only on the road side at the bottom of Station Road.

We have a co-op in Shepley which is only a convenience store, no one does a weekly shop there - I worked there nearly 17 years so I know first hand - which means more delivery drivers on the road.

It is difficult to see a doctor now, goodness knows how the surgery will cope with all the new patients. I think the school may have some places at the moment but not the numbers that could be needed. The whole idea is a none starter and I wholeheartedly support a NO vote.

Thank you for reading this

