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I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for 110 houses. My objections are set out below

1. Inappropriate Development on Green Belt Land

The proposed development is situated on Green Belt land, and therefore represents inappropriate development. It would:

- Remove important open countryside,
- Erode the natural character and openness of the area, and
- Set an unacceptable precedent for further Green Belt loss.

No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify this harm.

2. Site Within an Environmental / Ecological Protection Zone

The location lies within an environmentally sensitive area with recognised ecological importance. A development of this size would result in:

- Loss of wildlife habitats,
- Disturbance to ecological routes, and
- Increased noise, light, and pollution.

This contradicts key environmental protection policies.

3. Unsuitable Local Road Infrastructure

The roads on and around Lea Drive are narrow, residential, and not designed for high volumes of traffic. An extra 110 homes would:

- Create congestion,
- Cause bottlenecks at peak times,
- Increase the risk of accidents, and
- Reduce safe access for emergency vehicles.

4. HMO at 38 Lea Drive Adjacent to Access Point

A House in Multiple Occupation at 38 Lea Drive sits directly next to the proposed access route. This location already experiences:

- Parking overflow from the HMO, reducing road width,
- Higher pedestrian activity, and
- Congestion near the junction.

Adding site traffic here is inappropriate and unsafe.

5. Safety Risks to Children Playing on the Estate

Lea Drive and the surrounding streets are regularly used by local children for playing football, cycling, and riding scooters. This is one of the few safe spaces available for them to play outdoors.

The proposed development would dramatically increase vehicle movements, which would:

- Pose serious safety risks to children playing in the estate,
- Reduce the areas where children can play safely,
- Discourage outdoor activity for young people and families.

The loss of safe play space and increased danger is a significant community concern.

6. Disabled Wheelchair Users at Risk

Several disabled residents—including wheelchair users—regularly travel along the pavements in this area. The additional traffic, particularly large construction trucks, would:

- Make pavements and road crossings significantly more dangerous,
- Increase vibration and obstruction on paths,
- Make independent movement difficult or unsafe for disabled residents.

This raises important accessibility and disability rights concerns.

7. Construction Traffic Hazards

During the construction phase, heavy goods vehicles, machinery, and deliveries would be navigating narrow residential roads. This would:

- Create hazards for pedestrians, children, and wheelchair users,
- Increase air and noise pollution,
- Block pavements and driveways, and
- Result in damage to existing road surfaces.

The estate layout is not suited to large-scale construction operations.

8. Risk to Shepley Spring Water Company

Shepley Spring is a major local employer. The development risks disturbing local groundwater sources, potentially affecting:

- Water quality and supply,
- Operational stability, and
- Local employment should the business be disrupted.

This potential economic harm must be taken seriously.

9. Insufficient School and Healthcare Capacity

Shepley First School is already close to or at full capacity and cannot accommodate the additional demand. Local GP services are also overstretched, with long waiting times and insufficient appointment availability.

This development would worsen both issues without providing any solutions.

10. Additional Local Infrastructure Strain

The area faces existing pressure on utilities, drainage systems, parking, and public transport—all of which would be exacerbated by a development of this size.

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