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Application number: 2025/60/92776/E	
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

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<p>05/12/2025</p> <p>KIRKLEES PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPLICATION NUMBER 2025/60/92776/E BANKS GROUP LTD LAND AT EASTFIELD SHEPLEY.</p> <p>ATTENTION OF CASE OFFICER LOUISE BEARCROFT</p> <p>Dear Louise,</p> <p>I object to the above planning application on the following grounds.</p> <p>I grew up on Lea Drive, in the house where my parents have now lived for 43 years. I went to Shepley First School and benefited from this being a safe, peaceful area to grow up in.</p> <p>However, unfortunately my elderly parents are increasingly distressed about the plans for development that threaten to damage this peaceful, close-knit community. I regularly spend time here and can testify that the development plans for the land at Eastfield would severely affect the neighbourhood in myriad ways, including but not limited to danger to children, and loss of jobs and livelihoods.</p> <p>Lea Drive and its surrounding streets are already stretched beyond their capacity, with residents unable to send their kids to the local school, and unable to get appointments to see a doctor. The added strain caused by these new developments would seriously worsen living conditions.</p> <p>4. The planned traffic access is wholly unworkable; the proposed access is too narrow</p>	

1 The planned traffic access is wholly unworkable; the proposed access is too narrow and becomes blocked every winter by stranded vehicles that cannot get up the Knowle due to ice and snow. Furthermore, this access route is regularly used by heavy goods vehicles seeking access to Shepley water works.

The proposed one-way system exiting down the 1 in 7 hill, Lea Drive exit to the A629 is impossible. This road becomes blocked every winter with vehicles unable to use it, you simply cannot safely navigate it because of ice and snow, there is no way of preventing vehicles sliding out onto the A629 and colliding with vehicles transiting that road. This would be extremely dangerous.

Further, the top part of Lea Drive on the proposed exit route already becomes blocked every school day due to families delivering children to Shepley First School. There have already been several minor vehicle collisions due to pavement parking, which is extremely costly and dangerous to children leaving the school.

2 The proposed plan endangers the viability of the business known as Shepley Spring Water works. It threatens closure of the business due to pollution and environmental concerns.

It would be a disaster if these local jobs were lost to the community. Additionally, this company contributes handsomely each year to the village community, plus taxes etc.

3 Healthcare provision is inadequate in the village; it is currently very difficult to get doctors appointments, with many residents already bypassing the surgery and going direct to A & E because of the long waiting times for appointments.

4 Local school provision is inadequate; there are currently no vacancies in Shepley First School with resident children forced to travel to other schools in nearby villages.

5 The village has already been overdeveloped with 100s of extra houses added over recent years, many including those being built by Vivly homes are unsold and the site appears abandoned. There is another development at Spindles Row and a private estate being built by Alcuin Homes at Abbey Gardens. All will place even further strain on all the above.

6 Parking. There is no public parking available in Shepley. This causes traffic mayhem in the Lea Drive area, in the centre of the village, on the A629 and on Station Road, where there is no parking available for the train station.

7 There is now only one green space available between Shepley and Huddersfield because of housing development along the A629. If this is allowed to continue, the villages of Lepton, Kirkburton, Shelley and Shepley will become one with the roads and general infrastructure unable to sustain.

Please take these arguments into consideration – we urge you to stop the planned developments, for the sake of the community.

Regards,