



I live in Shepley with my husband and have done so very happily for the last 32 ½ years, raising our children here in this very special rural location. They still regularly visit us with their children who love practicing riding their bicycles around the estate, which always has been and should always remain a child friendly zone.

I am extremely concerned to hear of the proposed development of land currently classed as 'Green Belt' being turned into an estate of approximately 110 houses. The proposal to build 110 more new houses in our precious 'Green Belt' is outrageous, in an area that is already being eaten up with developments tempting the younger generation who are crying out for properties only to find most of the houses are out of their price bracket.

This area is green belt and should remain so, too much of the country is being regraded to grey belt, I fear this would be just the start of overpopulating this area. There are already houses being built in Shepley, our close neighbours in Shelley, and plans submitted for Cumberworth and Stockmoor. All this bringing more traffic to the area where the roads are already dangerously busy.

Property – there is strong potential of our houses would be devalued.

School - we currently have children living in the village who cannot go to Shepley school due to lack of space, the school is not big enough to cater for a huge influx of pupils.

Doctors – it's difficult enough trying to get an appointment to see a doctor at the Surgery now so heaven forbid this development goes ahead resulting in more for people, possibly who are desperately ill and in need of urgent help, facing longer waiting.

Road and Rail network – the village surrounds a very busy main road already and more traffic would just add to the congestion and difficulty for pedestrians to cross the road.

Coop – I understand this has been described as a Supermarket which this is most definitely not, it's merely a small local shop selling basics at very much inflated prices.

Access - The proposed plan to make a one-way system through the estate would make this a very dangerous area to live. The gradient of the section of the road which runs past our house towards the main road, I understand is more than the acceptable gradient for a road leading onto a main road. Even just in icy weather we have watched many cars slide past us going down the hill towards the very busy main road, often unable to stop before hitting the A629, when the snow falls it's even more of a hazardous incline.

Residents of Knowle Park – not only would we have the obvious disruption whilst building work was carried out, the noise, dirt etc, the new development would potentially bring 200 extra cars travelling through the estate and creating a dangerous volume of traffic for the current residents, children and pets which is unacceptable.

Shepley Springs -

Building on the land earmarked for this development would have a devastating impact on the future of Shepley Spring's, a company which has been in the village for many years and an essential source of water to retail. If this happened it would most definitely result in closure of the long-standing company and the loss of approximately 130 jobs.