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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

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<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>However, both my wife and I are elderly and disabled. We are extremely distressed about the plans for development that threaten to damage this peaceful, close-knit community. I 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 the elderly, danger to children, and loss of jobs and livelihoods.</p> <p>Lea Drive and its surrounding streets are already stretched beyond their capacity, cars park all over the place increasingly on the pavement and my wife and I find it impossible to navigate so much so that we often must walk on the road. Very dangerous for us. Further, many residents are unable to send their kids to the local school, and unable to get appointments to see a doctor.</p> <p>The added strain caused by these new developments would seriously worsen lives</p>	

The added strain caused by these new developments would seriously worsen living conditions.

1 The planned traffic access is simply unworkable; the access is narrow and blocks every winter with stranded vehicles that cannot access 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 exit down the 1 in 7 hill, Lea Drive exit to the A629 is impassable when there is snow and ice. It blocks every winter with vehicles unable to use it, you cannot safely navigate it because of ice and snow, you cannot stoop vehicles sliding out onto the A629 and colliding with vehicles transiting that road. Dangerous in the extreme.

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. A lot of Pavement parking which prevents us walking 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 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 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 only one green space between Shepley and Huddersfield because of housing development on the A629. If this continues, the villages of Lepton, Kirkburton, Shelley and Shepley will become one with general infrastructure unable to sustain.

We do not wish to live in a town.

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

