

About the application

Application number: 2025/92776	
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

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>I wish to object to this application. The site is in the green belt and very special circumstances are required to permit development in such a location. I do not consider that the applicant has shown sufficient cause as to why this land should be developed for housing.</p> <p>The site is not sustainably located. There are limited employment opportunities in the surrounding area coupled with infrequent train and bus services. The local First School does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate pupils from a proposed development such as this in addition to current housing development in the village. If the development were to go ahead there would be significant increase in traffic on the adjoining estate roads and in the rest of the village contrary to Kirklees LP20. There are limited shopping facilities in the village. Government policy requires houses to be built in sustainable locations with good access to public transport and services (NPPF 110). There is serious concern whether the existing drains and sewers could cope with a further significant increase in housing numbers in the village.</p> <p>A check on Rightmove shows 29 properties for sale in Shepley of which 11 are new builds questioning the need for more new homes. The greater need is for social housing/starter homes in areas close to employment opportunities and shopping and leisure facilities with the West Yorkshire Mayor's approach being to prioritise brownfield sites.</p> <p>I live in a nearby village but frequently walk from there along the paths adjacent to the proposed site and much enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this area and observing the wildlife. Kirklees planning policies are to protect the character and landscape of rural areas and I believe permitting this development would not protect this. (KLP at 4.3 'Strategic Objectives' 6).</p> <p>Finally the site is within SPZ1 and adjacent to Shepley Spring. The risk of contamination to their water supply needs to be taken seriously as their business is important to the village.</p>	