

Address: 80, The Knowle, Huddersfield, HD8 8EA

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

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1. There is only 1 safe entry/exit for residents and businesses on The Knolwe, by means of the narrow (and visually restricted) junction with Abbey Road. Were Knowle Park Avenue to become one way (suggested by the developer), the amount of vehicular traffic using the junction would increase several fold, creating a potential bottleneck and accident risk, particular during the construction period. This junction is already used by HGV traffic servicing Shepley Spring.

2. The only exit from Lea Drive, Knowle Park, Eastfield and the new development would be by the steep junction of Lea Drive and Abbey Road. This slope is 2 x the local authority's guideline for new developments of 1:15 and is very treacherous in icy conditions. Potentially a major accident risk.

3. The developers make a case of the local amenities and transport links. The village is served by a small convenience store, with very limited parking. This is not a place to do a weekly shop. Were the development to proceed, there would be a large increase in car journeys to the nearest supermarkets in Penistone and at Waterloo.

The village does have a small railway station, with poor accessibility to one platform and no parking provision. The trains operate on an hourly schedule, between Huddersfield and Sheffield and are not ideal for commuting further distances. The bus service is again hourly, the last bus from Huddersfield, being at 18:20 on a weekday, 17:50 Saturday. There is no service on Sundays. This is not ideal for commuting, leading to increased road traffic at peak times.

4. The village has 1 dental practice & a health centre. The dentist has no places and it is already difficult to get appointments at the health centre, which services other local villages.

5. The local primary school is currently undersubscribed. However, with the completion of the remaining 52 properties on the Vivly Knowle Grange development this may not be the case, for much longer.

6. There is no demand for additional housing in the village. Sales on the Vivly development have slowed to the point where there is little building activity on the site. They still have a further 2 phases totalling 52 properties to complete.

7. The current antiquated sewer system is already struggling, as can be seen by the 2 recent major failures on Penistone Rd. Yorkshire Water have told the developers "The sewer network does not have sufficient available capacity to support the size of development proposed" As the development is not in the current Kirklees local plan, they have not considered it in their asset management plan and would not support the proposal, should it come to planning.

8. Shepley Spring are a major employer in and around the local area. Part of the development is on their source protection zone. There is a significant risk that the proposed development would contaminate their water supply, leading to the closure of the business. A significant loss to the community.