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To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to Proposed Development of 100+ Houses in Shepley (Banks Development)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development by Banks for the construction of over 100 houses in Shepley. While I understand the need for housing, this specific development raises significant concerns for the sustainability, character, and wellbeing of the village and its residents.

1. Loss of Greenbelt Land

The proposed site lies on Greenbelt land, which is intended to be protected from large-scale development. Building on this land would set a dangerous precedent and result in permanent loss of open countryside that is vital for wildlife, environmental quality, and the rural character of Shepley. Greenbelt protections exist for good reason, and alternatives should be exhausted before any such land is considered.

2. Increased Traffic and Road Safety Concerns

Shepley already struggles with heavy traffic, particularly during peak hours. Adding over 100 new homes will significantly increase vehicle numbers on roads that are already at capacity. This raises serious safety concerns, especially around key junctions, narrow stretches of road, and routes used daily by schoolchildren and pedestrians.

3. Overcrowding and Strain on Village Infrastructure

Shepley is a small village with limited capacity to absorb substantial population growth. Introducing such a large number of new households at once would change the character of the community, making it feel overcrowded and placing pressure on local amenities that are not designed for such expansion.

4. Impact on Local Services: Doctors, Dentists, and First School

Local healthcare services are already stretched, with long waiting times for GP and dentist appointments. The village first school is similarly at or near capacity. A development of this scale would place additional strain on these essential services, potentially reducing the quality of care and education for existing residents and new families alike.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reject this proposal. The development is unsustainable, unsuitable for the location, and contrary to the long-term interests of Shepley and its community.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,

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