



As a resident of Shepley, though not in the immediate neighbourhood of the site, I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

**LOCATION** The proposed development is on green belt land and risks expansion of the village beyond its existing curtilage into farmland beyond. It is also within the source area for Shepley Spring Water, an important local business and employer. Access to the site for construction and potential residents also overlaps with existing access to Shepley Spring and other businesses nearby for commercial traffic and employees (see comments on access below).

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** The proposed level of affordable housing at 35% is inadequate, bearing in mind both existing government targets and the area's requirement to ensure that local families - particularly on lower incomes - are not priced out of the area. The village is already expensive compared with other areas around Huddersfield, Barnsley and their surrounding suburbs.

**TRANSPORT, ACCESS AND LOCAL AMENITIES** The application relies heavily on the availability of transport links and local amenities these are not as adequate as is implied.

Bus services from the village to Wakefield, Holmfirth and Huddersfield are essentially hourly daytime services, and that to Huddersfield has no Sunday service.

The train service is similarly an hourly service, with limited evening services, and the station has no parking provision and poor access for people with disabilities

This indicates that residents of a new development would be heavily dependent on cars, when local access roads to the site would be inadequate for construction traffic during development and residents on completion.

The application refers to a supermarket in the village, but this is only a limited Cooperative store. It has no off-street parking, and parking on the roads can cause congestion in the village. So residents of the proposed development would be dependent on cars for most shopping, and would exacerbate existing problems around the village's Coop.

The village school is close to capacity already, and, anecdotally, families in - or moving into - the village are already not guaranteed places for their children.

All these issues of transport, access and amenities need to be considered in the light of considerable recent and ongoing developments already taking place in the village.