

## 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	
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Re: Planning Application 2025/92776 — FORMAL OBJECTION	
Dear Sir/Madam,	
I wish to object to the above planning application on the following grounds:	
1. Loss of Green Belt / Open Fields	
<p>The site forms part of the remaining open fields/green belt-adjacent land which acts as an essential buffer for the village. Developing this land would permanently remove green space that contributes to the rural setting, biodiversity, and openness of the area.</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework gives great weight to protecting Green Belt land, and the Council must demonstrate exceptional circumstances before allowing development that erodes it. No such circumstances are evident here.</p>	
2. Harm to the Character of the Village	
<p>This part of the village is defined by open views, fields, and a semi-rural character. Building on this land would visually and permanently alter the character of the area. The proposal would appear out of scale and inconsistent with the established pattern of development, contrary to the need for new developments to respect local form and setting.</p>	
3. Overdevelopment & Increased Village Overcrowding	

The village is already experiencing significant pressure on services, infrastructure, traffic routes, parking, and general capacity.

Adding further development — especially on land that currently offers open space and relief from built-form density — would worsen overcrowding and place extra strain on local facilities, road networks, and essential services.

#### 4. Impact on Residential Amenity

Due to the scale and location of the proposal, there is a high likelihood of:

- Loss of privacy
- Overlooking
- Loss of daylight/sunlight
- An overbearing effect on neighbouring properties

These impacts would materially reduce the amenity of existing residents.

#### 5. Traffic, Access & Road Safety Concerns

The increased vehicle movements associated with the proposed development would add pressure to roads that are already busy and constrained.

Any rise in traffic or parking demand would worsen congestion and increase safety risks for pedestrians and other road users.

#### Conclusion

For the reasons stated — particularly the loss of green belt/open fields, harm to the village character, and overcrowding pressures — I strongly urge Kirklees Council to refuse planning application 2025/92776.